ANNO TRICESIMO QVARTO ET QVINTO HENRICI OCTAVI.

Actes made in the seſsion of this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogation at weſtm the .XXII. day of Januarye in the xxxiiii. yere of the reign of our moſt drad ſouereine lorde Henry the eyght by the grace of god kyng of England Fraunce and Irelande defendour of the faythe and of the churche of England and alſo of Ireland in earth the ſupreme head & there continued and kepte tyl the .xii. daye of May in the .XXXV. yere of our ſayd ſouereyne lorde to the honour of god and for the common weale and profit of this his realme.

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Where the kynges most royal maiestee / our gracious and naturall souerayne liege lorde, supreme head of the churche of England, and also of Ireland, and his honourable counsayle, perceyueth the ignorauncе, fonde opinions, errours, and blyndnes of dyuers and sondry his subiectes of this his realme, in abusynge, and not obstruinge, nor folowinge the commaundmentes, preceptes, and lawes of almighty god, nor the very true and perfect religion of Christe, not withstandinge suche holesome doctrines, and documentes as his maiestee hathe heretofore caused to be set forthe for that purpose, besydes the greate lybertee graunted to them, in hauynge amonges them, & in theyr handes the newe and olde testament, whiche not withstanding many seditious people, arrogant and ignorante persones, whereof some pretendyng to be lerned, and to haue the perfite and true knowlege, vnderstanding, and iudgement of the sacred and holy scriptures, and some others of theyr peruerse, frowarde and malicious myndes, wylles and intentes, entendyng to subuerte the veray trew and perfect exposition, doctrine, and declaracion of the sayd scripture, after theyr peruers fantasies: haue taken vpon them, not onely to preache, teache, declare, and set forth the same by wordes, sermons, disputacions, and argumentes, but also by prynted bokes, prynted balades, playes, rymes, songes, and other phantasies, subtelly and craftely instructynge his highnes people, and specially the youthe of this his realme vntruely, & otherwise than the scripture ought or shuld be taught, declared, or expounded, and contrary to the veray syncere, and godly meanyng of the same, wherevpon diuersitee of opinions, sayinges, varyaunces, argumentes, tumultes, and scismes haue ben sprong and arysen amonges his sayd subiectes, within this his realme, to the greate inquietacion of his sayd people, and greate displeasure of his maiestee, and contrary to his graces true meanynge, good intencion, and moste godly purpose.

¶For reformacion wherof, his maiestee most vertuously, and prudently considereth, and thinketh that it is, and shalbe most requisite, expedient and necessary, not onely by lawes dredfull and penal, to take away, purge, and clense this his highnes realme, territories, confines, dominions, and countreys, of al suche bookes, writinges, sermons, disputacions, argumentes, balades, playes, rymes, songes, teachynges and instructions, as be pestiferous, and noysome, with all the causes, instrumentes, and meanes of the same: But also to ordeine and establishe a certeine fourme of pure and sincere teachynge, agreable with goddes worde, and the true doctrine of the catholyke and apostolycall churche, whervnto men may haue recourse for the true decision of some suche controuersies as haue in tymes past and yet

do happen and aryse amonges them. And therfore be it enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, by our sayd souerayngne lorde the kyng, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all maner of bookes of the olde and newe testament in englisshe, beyng of the craftie, false, and untrue translation of Tindal, and all other bookes and wrytynges in the englisshe tongue, teachyng or comprysyng any matters of christen religion, articles of the fayth, or holy scripture, or any parte of them, contrary to that doctrine, wiche sins the yere of oure lorde. M. D. xl. is, or any tyme duryng the kynges maiesties lyfe, our sayed souerayngne lorde that now is, kyng Henry the. VIII. whiche our lorde longe preserue, shalbe sette forthe by his highnes, with suche superscripcion and subscripcion, as hereafter shall be declared, shalbe by auctorite of this present act clerely and utterly abolisshed, extinguisshed, and forbydden, to be kepte or used in this realme, or els where in any the kynges dompynyons.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any prynter boke bynder, bokeseller, or any other person or persons, shall after the fyrste day of July nexte ensuinge, prynte or cause to be prynted, or utter sell gyue or delyuer within this realme or els where within any the kynges dominions, any of the bokes or wrytinges afore abolysshed or prohibyted, or play in enterludes, syng or ryme, any matter contrary to the sayd doctrine, which sins the sayd yere of our lorde. M. D. xl. is or at any tyme (as is aforesayd) shall be set forthe by the kinges maieste, our sayd souereigne lorde that now is, and be of any the offences aforesayd convycted, by sufficient witnes, before any two of the kynges counsayle, or the ordinary of the dioceese, where any such offence shalbe committed, and two Justices of peace of the same shire, where any suche ordinary shall sytte within his dioceese, for that purpose, or before any other person or persons, whome for this purpose the kinges maieste shall appoint by his highnes commission, shall haue and suffer, for the fyrst tyme, imprisonmente of his body for three monethes. and also lose and forfaite for euery suche booke or writing, prynted, uttered, and solde, giuen, or delyuered (as is aforesayd) the somme of. x. li. sterling. And for the second time so offending in any of the sayd offences, and beyng therof convicted, as is aforesayd, shall lose and forfayte all his goodes, and his body to be committed to perpetuall prison.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that if any person or persons, after the fyrst daye of July nexte commynge, retayne in his handes or custody, any englysshe bookes or writinges, concerning matter againste the holy and blessed sacrament of the aultar, or for the maintenaunce of the damnable opinions of the secte of the anabaptistes, or any other englysshe bookes or writinges, whiche heretofore haue bene abolysshed and condemned by the kynges proclamations, and shalbe therof convicte, in maner and fourme aforesaid: That than euery such offendour shal for euery such boke or wrytyng so retayned as is aforesayd, lose and forfait the some of. v. li. ster-

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lyng. And if any person or persons, after the firste day of Octobre next commynge, shall reteyne in his handes or custody, within this realme or elles where within any the kinges dommions, any other of the sayed bookes or writynges before prohibited, and shall be therof convicted, in maner and fourme aforesayd: that than the sayd person or persons, so beinge convicte shall for euery suche booke or writyng, conteyning speciall treaty or chapter against any doctrine, set forthe or to be set forthe by the kynges maiestee as aforesayd, so by him or them reteined, forfait and pay the summe of.x.li. sterlyng. And if the booke or writinge, haue onely woordes or sentences enterlaced, contrary to the sayd doctrine. Then the fine to be moderate by the discretion of the iudge: so it excede not. xl.s.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the bibles and newe testamentes in englysshe, not beinge of Tindalles translacions, shall stande in force, and not be comprised in this abolicion or acte. Neuertheleese if there shalbe founde in any suche bibles or newe testamentes, any annotacions or preambles: That than euery person and persons, hauynge any bybles or newe testamentes, with any suche annotacions or preambles, shall before the sayd firste day of Octobre, cut out or blotte the same, in suche wise, as they can not be perseyued nor red, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte for euery bible and newe testament, that any person or persons shall haue in theyr handes or custody, after the sayd fyrst day of Octobre, with any suche annotacions or preambles, as is aforesayd, contrary to this acte. xl.s.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nexte aboue specified, do not extende to the blottyng or cuttyng out of any quotacion or summaries of chapters expressed or conteyned in any such bybles or new testamentes. Any thyng aforce mencioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that all bookes in englishe, printed before the yere of our lorde. M.D.xl. intituled, the kynges highnes proclamacions, iniunctions, translacions of the Pater noster, the Aue maria, and the Crede, the psalters, prymers, prayers, statutes and lawes of the realme, cronicles, Canturbury tales, Chaucers bookes, Gowers bookes, and storyes of mennes lyues, shall not be comprehended in the prohibition of this acte, vnlesse the kinges said maiestee shall herafter make speciall proclamacion for the condemnacion and repruouing of the same, or any of them.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that al printers may laufully printe all suche bookes, conteyning matters of religion, as the kynges maiestee shall by his byll assigned allow and approue, wherunto the same printers shalbe bound to putte the superscripcion & subscripcion in this fourme: that is to say, by the kyng & his clergy, with addicion in the ende of the prynters name, his dwellynge place, the day and yere of the printing of the same, whiche if the same printer do omitte, he shall incur suche penalties as before is ympted for the printyng, selling, gruyng, or delyuerynge of vnlawfull bookes.

¶ Prouyded always, and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that it

shall be laufull to all and euery persone and personnes, to sette forth songes playes and enterludes, to be vsed and exercised within this realme, & other the kynges dominions, for the rebukyng and reprouing of vices, & the setting forth of vertue: So alwayes the saide songes playes or enterludes medle not with interpretacions of scripture, contrary to the doctrynne set forth or to be set forth by the kynges maiestie, our saide soueraygne lorde that now is, kyng Henry the eight in fourme aforesayd. Any thyng contepned in this act to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, after the first day of Octobre next ensuyng, shal take vpon him or them to read preache or teach openly to other, in any churche or open assembly, within any the kynges dominion, the bible, or any parte of scripture in englyshe, or by any other person or persons cause it or any part therof openly to be read, preached or taught to other, in any church, or open assembly, as is aforesayde, onelesse he be so appoynted therunto by the kynges maiestie, or by any ordinary, or by such as haue rule gouernement and auctorite, to make deputacion or assignement for the same, vpon peyn that euery suche offendour, being therof conuicted as is aforesaide, shall suffer imprisonment of one moneth.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the chauncellour of Englande, captaynes of the warres, the kyngrs Justices, the recorders of any citie, borough, or towne, the speker of the parliament, and al other Justices officers and ministers, whiche here tofore haue ben accustomed to declare or teache any good vertuous or godly exortacions, in any assembles, may vse any parte of the byble or holy scripture, as they were wont and haue ben accustomed, so alwayes it be not contrary to the doctrynne set forth or to be set forth as is aforesayd, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that it shall be laufull to euery nobleman and gentilman being a householde, to rede or cause to be reade by any of his family or seruauntes, in his house orchard or gardeine, and to his owne family, any tert of the bible or new testament, so the same be done quietly and without disturbance of good order. And also that it shalbe laufull for euery marchant man being a housholder, and occupieng the feat of marchaundise, to rede to him selfe priuately, the bible and new testament, any thynge in this acte to the contrary herof not withstandyng.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie, of his moste gracious and blessed dispotision, hath hertofore caused to be set forth the bible and newe testament in the englisth tonge, to be read by his louing subiectes, to the intent that they might therby the better know their dutie to almightie god, and to his maiestie, and also encrease in vertue, for the welth of their soules. All be it his maiesties said most godly purpose and intent, hath taken good effect amonges a gret multitude of his subiectes, & specially amonges the highest and most honest sort, according to his highnes good expectacion therefor: yet for as muche as his highnes perceiueth, that a greate multitude of his

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sayed subiectes, moste specially of the lower sorte, haue so abused the same that they haue therby growen and increased in diuers naughty and erroneous opynyons, and by occasion therof fallen in to great diuision and dissencion amog them selfes, to the great vnquietnes of the realme, and other his maiestees dominions. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that from and after the fyrste day of July next comming, no women, nor artificers, prentises, torneymen, seruinge men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husband men, nor labourers, shall reade within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, the bible or new testament in englyshe to him selfe, or to any other priuatly or openly, vpon peine of one monethes imprisonment for euery tyme offendynge contrary to this acte, & beyng therof conuict in suche maner and fourme as is aforesayde, onlesse the kynges maiestie, our sayde soueraine lorde king Henry the. viii. perceyuinge suche reformacion and amendmente in theyr lyues and behauiour, by the diligent and discrete redynge, and inprintynge in theyr hartes of the moste blessed doctrine, set forthe, or hereafter to be set forthe by his sayde maiestie, shall of his clemency thynke good otherwyse, to enlarge and graunt lyberty for the redyng of the same.

¶ Prouyded alway, that all maner of persons, other than women, artificers, prentises, iourneymen, seruing men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husbandmen, and labourers, may reade to them selues, and to none other, any text of the bible and new testament, for theyr owne edifieng and increase of vertue, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that euery noble woman and gentilwoman may rede to them selues alone and not to others, any textes of the bible or new testament any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons what so euer, to rede and teache in their howses, and in the howses of theyr husbandes, parentes, or maisters, all suche doctrine, as syns the sayde yere of our lorde. M. D. xl. is or shall be sette forthe by the kynges maiestie, our soueraine lorde that now is, as is aforesaid. And also the psalters, primers, Pater noster, Aue, and Crede in englysh, and all suche bookes and writynges, whiche be aboue specially named, to be reserued and not to be abolysshed and prohibited by this act: So they do the same quietly, and without disturbance of good order, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, other than be aboue ymitted, shall take vpon hym openly to dispute or argue, to debate discusse or expounde holy scripture, or any parte therof, which with all reuerence ought to be communicated amonge christen men, vpon the peynes of one monethes imprisonment.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the one mottie of all the penalties and forfaytures of summes of money aboue specified, shall be to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other moytie therof

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to ſuche perſon or perſons as will detecte and ſue for the conuiction of any of the offendours contrari to this acte, in ſuche fourme as is aboue ſympted by this act, and that the moitee of ſuche forfaytures limitted to the partie detecting and ſuynge as is aforeſayd, ſhall be leuyed of the offendours, that ſhall be conuycte by auctoritee of this acte, as is aforeſayd; after ſuche fourme faſhyon and order of proceſſe, as ſhall be deuyſed by the iudge or iudges, afore whome any ſuche conuycion ſhall be had: and the other moitee of ſuch forfaytures, ſymitted to be to the kinges maieſtee, ſhalbe eſtreted by writyng in to the kinges eſcheker, by the ſayed iudge or iudges, within .xl. dayes next after ſuche conuiction had, if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within .xx. dayes next after the begynnige of the terme folowyng after ſuche conuiction.

¶ And be it fourther enacted, that if any ſpyrituall perſon or perſons ſhall after the firſt day of July nexte commynge, preache, teache defend or maintayne, any matter or matters, thynge or thynges contrary to the godly inſtruccions or determinacions, which ſyns the yere of our lorde aforeſayd, is or ſhalbe ſet forth by his maieſtee, as is afore mencioned: That than euery ſuche offendour being therof conuicted before the ordynary of that dioceſſe within the whiche the ſayd offence ſhall be committed, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſayd, or before two of the kinges maieſtees counſayle, or ſuche commiſſioners as his maieſtee ſhall apointe for that purpoſe: ſhall be for the firſt tyme admitted to recante and renounce his ſayed errours, after ſuche maner and fourme as ſhall be appointed by the ordinary or Judges, afore whome ſuche offendour ſhalbe conuict. And if ſuche offendour refuſe to recante, in ſuche fourme as is aforeſayd, or if he recante, and after eſtſoones offend: That than he ſhall for the ſecond tyme, or for refuſall to recante, abiure and beare a fagot, after ſuch maner and fourme as ſhalbe aſſigned by the ordynary or iudge and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſaid afore whome ſuche offendour ſhalbe ſo conuict. And if ſuche offendour refuſe to abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſaid, or if he abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſayd, and after offende the thirde tyme, contrarye to this acte, and be therof conuicte in maner and fourme as is aforeſaied: That than euery ſuch offendour, for the third time, or for refuſal to abiure, ſhall be demed and adiudged an heretike, & ſhal ſuffer therfore peines of death by burnyng, and loſſe and forfaitures of all his goodes and cattalles. And if any laie perſon or perſons, ſhal after the ſaid firſt date of July next commynge, teache defende or maintayne any matter or matters, thing or thinges, contrary to the godly inſtruccions or determinacions, whiche ſyns the yere of our lorde aforeſaied, is or ſhall be ſette forthe by his maieſtee, as is aforeſaied, euery ſuch offendour, being therof duly conuicted before the ordinarie of the dioceſſe, within the whiche the ſaid offence ſhall be committed, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſaid, or before two of the kynges maieſtees counſayle, or ſuche commiſſioners, as the kinges highnes ſhall appoint for that purpoſe, ſhall renounce and forſake his ſaid errour before

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the sayed ordinarie or iudges, before whom the sayd offendour shall be conuicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kinges prisons by the space of xx. dayes. And if such offendour refuse to renounce and forsake his said errours, or if he renounce and forsake his sayed errours, and after eftsoones offende: That than he shall for the seconde tyme, or refusynge to renounce, abiure and beare a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinary or iudge before whome suche offendour shalbe so conuicte, shall be appointed. And if such offendour refuse to abiure and beare a fagot as is aforesayd, or if he abiure and beare a fagot as is aforesayd, and after offend the third tyme contrary to this act, or refuse to abiure, and be therof conuict in maner and fourme as is aforesayd: That than euery suche offendour shall forfayte all his goodes and cattalles, and haue perpetuall imprisonment.

¶ Prouyded alwaies, that the offence of readynge, preachinge, teachinge, defendinge or maintenyng matter, contrary to the determination set forthe or to be set forth by the kinges maiestee our sayd souereaine lorde king Henry the. viii. be obiected agaynst the offendour, within one yere nexte after suche offence committed and done, or els the offendoure therin to suffer no punishment by auctoritee of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesayd, that in triall by witnes of any of the matters or offences aboue specified in this acte, the persone or persons, being detecte or complayned on, shalbe admitted to purge and trie his or their innocency by other witnes, as many or mo in numbre, and of as good honestee & credence as those be whiche deposed against them or any of them, in whiche case the sayd iudge or iudges, whiche shall haue auctoryte to examine here and determine the offences aboue said, by auctoritee of this act, shal aduisedly and deliberatly survey and consider the witnes, brought in by bothe partes, and their depositions and circumstances therof, & there vpon condempne or dismisse from punishment and losse, the person detect or complayned vppon, as to his owne discretion shall seme best to agree with conscience and equitee.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this act be vnderstand, that no person or persons shall incurre any peine or penaltee in this act, for offending of any doctrine hereafter to be sette forthe by the kynges maiestee, as is aforesayd, tyll one moneth be past and expired next after suche doctrine shall be put in printe, within whiche time of a moneth, next after suche doctrine emprinted, euery persone may haue notise of the same.

¶ Prouyded also that the acte concernyge the syxe articles, shall styll remayne and continue in the same forse strength and effecte, as it was before the makinge of this acte, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further prouided by auctoritee aforesayd, that the kynges maiestee our sayd souereaine lorde that nowe is kyng Henry the. viii. may at any tyme hereafter at his highnes libertee and pleasure, chaunge and alter this present act and prouisions of the same, or any clause or article therin contei-

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ned, as to his highnes moſt excellent wiſedome ſhall ſeme conuenient, any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that for the more ſpedy execution of this act, euery ordinary aforeſayd, ſhall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertu of this act, to giue notice to two iuſtices of peace, being vnder the degree of barons, and being reſyaunte and inhabitaunt within ſuche ſhire where any ſuche ordinary ſhall ſyt for the execution of this act, and require them to come to ſuche place, and at ſuch time, as ſuche ordinary ſhall name and aſſigne, to ioyne with the ſayd ordinary in examination and determination of any offence or offences committed or done againſt the tenour of this act. And in caſe any ſuche iuſtices, beinge ſo required, as is aforeſayd, hauyng conuenient and reaſonable warning and knowledge in writing from the ſayd ordinary, of the daye & place appoynted, do not come to ſuch place, and at ſuche tyme, as ſhalbe ſo appoynted, hauyng no lawfull and iuſt impediment to the contrary, ſhall forfayte and loſe to the kinges highnes, for euery ſuche offence. xl. s to be eſtreated, as is aforeſayd.

¶ An act concerning collectours and receyuers. Cap. ii.

Where diuers and ſundry hyghe collectours of the. xv. and ſubſidy, due to the kynges hyghenes, and diuers other his particular and generall receyuours of his reuenues and duties, being within the ſuruey rule and order of his maieſtees courte of the Eſcheker, the duchy of Lancaſter, the courte of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, the court of the generall Surueyours, the court of the wardes and lyueres, and the court of the tenthe and fyrſt fruites, haue heretofore, after the collection leuying or gatheryng of the kynges fyftenes ſubſydies rentes debtes, & other his money and duetees, retayned occupied and conuerted the ſame to their owne ſyngular profit and commoditee, as in lonyng or leying out the ſame for gaynes, in purchaſinge landes of greate value, and in bying of wolles, & other marchandiſe, whereby the kinges maieſtee hath oft times loſt great part of his debtes and duetees, and ſomtime forborne the ſame by a long ſeſon, after ſuche tyme as the ſame haue ben due and gathered. For reformacion wherof be it enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſſhed, by the kinges highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, and by thauctoritee of the ſame, that euery highe collectour of any. xv. ſubſydy or other tare or lone, and all and euery other the kynges ſayd particular and generall receyuours, of any the ſayd ſummes of money, and other duetees belonging to the king, from and after the fyrſt day of July next commyng, ſhall within the ſpace of thre monethes next after ſuch dayes and tymes, as any the ſayd fiftenes ſubſydies, rentes, ſummes of money, or other perely profittes, ſhall be due and payable to the king, his heires or ſucceſſours, by any ſtatute ordinaunce or other meane,

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and by the same collectour particular or generall receyuour, or any of them retayned or gathered, truly content delyuer and pay the same to the kynges vse, at suche place or places, and to suche person or persons, as be or shalbe named appoynted and ymitted for the same, vpon peyne to forfayte to the kynge his heires and successours, for euery pounde so beinge receyued, and after that retayned kept or sayde out for gaine, and not payde within three monethes, to the kynges vse, as is aforesaied iiii. shillynges for euery moneth that the same money shall be so retayned kepte or sayde out for gaine, as is aforesaied, and also shall lose and forfaure his or their sayd office, concernyng the same, and all profites therunto belongyng. And that the kyng shall at his pleasure charge the sayd collectour particular or generall receiuour vpon his or their accomptes with the penaltie and forfaytures aboue rehersed, or elles at his pleasure demaunde aske and recouer the same by action bill playnt or suite of debte against the same collectour or collectours, particular or generall receyuour, their heyres executours or admynystratours: In whiche action bill playnt or suite no protection essoine or wager of law shalbe allowed nor admitted.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any of the saied collectours, particular or generall receyuours, tender payment of all suche money by them receyued to the kynges vse, within the sayd three monethes, in such place, and vnto such persone and persones, as be or shalbe charged with the receipte of the same, and do as muche as in hym or them is, or than shalbe, for to make true payment therof: and can not be therunto admitted, by reason of importunate busines, or other lawfull impediment or cause in hym or them that shoulde accepte or receyue the same: that in euerye suche case, the same collectour, particular or generall receyuour or receyuours, as shall so make tender of al such money by hym or them receiued or gathered to the kynges vse, as is aforesaid, & can not be therunto admitted for any the causes aboue said, shal not be charged with, or incurre any danger or penalty contained in this act: This acte or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the heyre or heires of any collectour or receyuour aforesayed, shall not be charged or chargeable, by reason of this acte, but onely for and in suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche the sayd heyre or heyres haue or shal haue by discent in fee simple or fee tayle, or by gyfte or els by any other assurance had or made to any such heire or heires only by coueine from the said collectour or receiuour, or any of them, or any their assignes. And that in all and euery suche case and cases, the kynges maiestee, his heyres and successours, to haue execution only of & in such landes tenutes or hereditamentes descended, giuen, or otherwise assured, as is aforesaid, vntil such time as his maiesti, his heires & successors, be fully satisfied & paid of all and euery such sume & sumes of money due or to be due by any such collectour or receiuour.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the executour or executours, administratour or administratours of euery suche collectour or receyuour, shall not be other-

be otherwise charged or chargeable by this acte, but as executours and administratours be or shoulde be charged and chargeable by the order of the common lawes of this realme, in actions of debte, vsed and commensed against them, as executours or administratours.

¶ Prouyded also and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that where the heire and heyres of any the kynges receyuours or collectours of debtours, is or shall be charged of and for his fathers or auncestours debtes or duetes, whose heire he is, wherby the landes descended or gyuen to hym by couyne, to defraude the kynges execution of suche lande vnto hym or theym from the sayde father or auncestour is put in execution, that then suche heire or heires shall and may haue his or their action of debte against the executours or administratours of his saide father or auncestour, and shall haue execution of the goodes and cattalles of the saied father or auncestour, being in the handes of the sayd executours or administratours, at the tyme of the said action brought: In whiche sayd action none essoin protection nor wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte shal not extende to the collectours of the kynges customs and of the subsidie of tonnage and poundage, whiche be accomptable yerely in the kynges maiesties eschequer.

¶ Prouyded alwaies, that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not extende or be preiudiciall to any the sayde generall or particular receyuour or receyuours, to or for the payementes of any pentions, fees, annuities, rentes, or other allowaunces, by them or any of theym payde, or to be payde, to any person or persons, accordyng to suche allowance order or decree, as be or hereafter shall be allowed, ordered, or decreed in any of the sayde courtes, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for the assise of cole and wood. Cap. iii.

Where of late yeres not onely the kynges hyghnesse, but also all his louynge subiectes, haue bene moche disceyued in theyr fuell, that they haue bought by the greedy coueitous myndes of the sellers of the same, as welle by the vntrue measures of coles, lyttell and lyttell continually minished, as also in the vntrewe lengthe and quantitie of faggotte, tallwood, and billette, to the great hyndrynge and losse, as welle of our sayde souerayngne lorde, as also of all his faithfull and trewe subiectes. For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and by the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no persone, from the feaste of the purification of our blessed ladye, that shall be in the yere of oure lorde, a thousande fyue hundred foutye and three, shall bargaine, selle, bryng, or conuey, to be vttered or solde, but that

within the citie of London, or elses where within this realme of England, ne to Caleys or the marches of the same, any cooles faggottes byllettes or talwood, but of the measures quantities lengthes and assises hereafter ensuinge, that is to saye, that euery quarter of cooles shall conteyne in cleue cooles. viii. bulshels at the least: and euery shide of talwood to conteyne in length. iiii. foote of assyse at the least, beside the carfe: and euery talle shyde of one, to be in greatnes in the middes. xx. inches of assyse at the leaste: and euery tall shyde, named of two, to conteyne in greatnes in the middes. xxvi. inches of assyse at the least: And euery talle shyde, name of. iii. to conteyne in greatnes. xxxii. ynches of assyse at the least: And euery tall shide, named of. iiii. to conteyne in greatnes in the middes. xxxviii. ynches of assyse at the least. And euery talshyde, named of. v. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes. xliiii. ynches of assyse at the least. And that no pece of talwood be made of any mo shides, than onely. v. and that no halfe shyde be made, but onely of him selfe, nor marked with an other. And euery fagot bedde, with all that belongeth therto, to conteyne in lengthe. iii. fote of assyse at the leaste: the bonde of euery whiche faggotte to conteyne. iii. quarters of a yarde at the leaste, besyde the knotte. And euery byllette to be onely of one caste and not aboue. And the halfe of euery loode of such billettes, to be syngles, and euery single billette to conteyne about the anddes. ix. ynches of assyse at the least, and in lengthe with the carfe. iii. foote and an halfe of assyse. And euery double billette to be in greatnes in the myddes. xii. ynches of assyse at the least. And euery person, that so shal bargayne sell bringe or conuey to be vttered or sold, any cooles, faggotte, billette, or talwood, contrary to the true meanyng and intent of this present acte shall forfaite all suche cooles faggot billet and talwood, or the value therof. The one halfe of the said forfaitures to be to the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sease the same, or sue therfore, in any of the kynges courtes, by writte bill playnt or informacion: wherin none essome protection nor wager of lawe to be allowed. And further, the sayde offender within any citie borough or towne to be punished by the discrecion of the mayre or other heade officer of the same citie borough or towne, for the tyme beyng. And the sayd offender, out of the sayde citie borough or towne, to be punished by the dyscrecion of two Justices of peace, inhabityngе within the shyre. where the offence shall be commytted or done. And the said offendours in Caleys: or the marches of the same, to be punysshed by the discrecion of the mayre and his bretherne there. And the offenders contrary to the premisses, in the housholde of our sayde soueraigne lordes the kynge, and his heires or successours, to susteyne suche further punishement, as shall seme expedient to the heade offycers of the same householde for the tyme beynge, or three of them, wherof the treasourer or the comptroler for the tyme beyng to be one.

An acte against suche persounes as do make bankerupte. Cap. iiii.

WHere dyuerse and sundry persons, craftely obteynynge in to theyr handes greate substaunce of other mennes goodes, do sodaynly flee to partyes unknowen, or kepe their houses, not mynedynge to paye or restore to any theyr creditours, their debtes and duetyes, but at theyr owne wylles and pleasures consume the substaunce obteyned by credyte of other men, for their owne pleasures and delicate ly-uinge, against all reason equyty and good conscyence. AND IT THEREFORE enacted by auctorite of this p̄sent parlyamente, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great seale, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde P̄sident, lorde P̄riuy seale, and other of the kynges moste honourable P̄riuy counsayle, and the chiefe Justice of eyther benche, for the tyme being, or three of them at the least, whereof the lorde Chauncellour or keper of the great seale, lord Treasourer, lord P̄sident, or the lorde P̄riuy seale to be one, upon euery complaynt made to them in wrytynge by any parties greued concernyng the p̄mysses, shall haue power and auctorite by vertue of this acte, to take by their wisedomes and discretions, suche orders and directions, as well with the bodyes of such offendours aforesaid, where so euer they may be had, as well in their houses as els where, by imprysonment of their bodies, or otherwise, as also with their landes tenementes fees annuitees & offices, whiche they haue in fee symple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or in the ryght of theyr wyues, as muche as the interest, ryght, & title of the same offendour shall extend or be, and maye than laufully be departed with, by the said offendour, and also with their money goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises, & debtes, where so euer they may be found or knowen. And to cause their said landes tenementes fees annuities offices goodes cattals wares marchaundises and debtes to be serched viewed rented and appraysed, and to make sale of the said landes tenementes fees annuities and offices, as muche as the same offender may than laufully gyue graunt or depart with, or otherwise to order the same for trew satisfaction and payment of the sayd creditours: that is to say, to euery of the saied creditours, a portion rate and rate lyke, accordynge to the quantitie of their debtes. And that euery direction order bargayn sale and other thynges done by the sayde lordes auctorised, as is aforesaide, in wrytynge signed with their handes, by auctorite of this acte, shalbe good and effectuall in the law to all intentes constructions and purposes against the said offenders, their heyres and executours for euer, as thoughe the same orders direction bargayn and sale had ben made by the said offender or offenders, at his or theyr owne free wyll and lybertie by wrytynge indented enrolled in any the kynges courtes of recorde.

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¶And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if after any suche acte or offence committed, and complaynte thereof made to the said lordes, as is aforesaide, any partie greued concernynge the premisses knowinge, supposynge, or suspectyng any of the goodes cattalles wares marchaundyses or debtes of suche offendour or offendours, to be in custodye, vse, occupienge keppynge or possession of any person or persons, or any person or personnes to be indebted to any suche offendour or offendours, do make relacion therof to the said lordes, to whome auctoritie is gyuen by this present acte as is aforesaid: that than the sayde lordes shall by vertue hereof, haue full power and auctoritie to sende for and conuent afore them by suche proces, wayes or meanes, as they shall thynke conuenient by theyr discretions, all and euery suche person and persons so knowen supposed or suspected, to haue any suche goodes cattals wares, marchaundises or debtes in his or theyr custodye vse occupation keppynge or possession, or supposed or suspected, to be indebted to suche offendour or offendours, and vpon their apparaunce to examine them and euery of theim as well by their othes, as otherwise by suche wayes and meanes, as the saide lordes by their discretions, shall thynke mete and conuenient for and vpon the speciallty, certainty, true declaracion and knowledge, of all and syngular suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, of any suche offendours as be supposed or suspected to be in his or their custody, vse, occupation or possessyon, and of all suche debtes as by theim or any of theim, shall be supposed or suspected to be owyng to any such offendour. And if any such person or persons vpon suche examinacion do not disclose, playnely declare and shewe the hole truthe of suche thynges as he or they shall be examined of, concernynge the premisses: than euerye suche person or personnes so exampned, and not declarynge the playne and whole trouthe, concernynge the premisses, vppon due proofe therof to be made, before the saide lordes therfore authorised, as is aforesayde, by witnesse, examinacion, or otherwise, as to the same lordes shall seme sufficient in that behalfe, shall lose and forfaite double the value of all suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, by them or any of them so conceled and not wholy and playnely declared and shewed, whiche forfayture shall be leuyed and recouered by the sayde lordes, hauynge auctoritie as is aforesaide, by suche wayes, and meanes as to them shall seme requisite and conuenient. And the same forfaiture to be distributed and imployed to and for the satisfaction and payment of the debtes of the sayde credytour or credytours, in suche lyke maner rate and fourme, as is aboue declared, concernyng the ordering of the goodes and cattalles, of the sayde offendours, keppynge theyr houses, or fleynge to places vnknowen, as is aforesaide.

¶AND BE IT ALSO FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if after any suche personne or personnes shall kepe

his or their houses, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforesaide, any person or persons do fraudently by couyne or collusion, clayme or demaunde any debt duety or other thyng by writynge or otherwyse, of any suche offendour or offendours, other than suche as he or they can and doo proue to be due by ryght and conscience, in fourme aforesaid, before the saide lordes hauynge auctorite by this present acte, as is aforesaide, and the same to procede bona fide, without fraude or couine: that than euery suche person and persons, so craftely demaundyng or claiming any such debte duety or other thynge, as is aforesaide, shall forfayte and lose double as muche as he or they shall so clayme or demaunde. And the same forfayture to be leuyed recouered and imployed in maner and fourme as is afore rehersed.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by the auctorite aforesaide, that if any suche person or persons, whiche shall kepe his or their howses, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforesaied, of entent to delay or defraude they^r creditours disceitfully by couyne or collusion, suffer or cause any other person or persons, to recouer agaynst hym or them any debtes goodes cattals wares or marchaundises without a iust cause and title so to do, procedynge bona fide without fraude or coueyne: that than vpon complaynt therof made to the saide lordes, hauynge authorite by this present acte, as is aforesayde, the same lordes shall haue power and auctorite by vertue hereof, to conuent and call before them the saide recouerer or recouerers, and after suche fraude discrete couine or collusion shal plainely appere or be duely proued before the sayd lordes auctorised, as is aforesaide, all the saide goodes and cattalles of the saide offendour so recouered, shall be chargeable imployed ordered and delyuered towarde the payement of the trewe and due debtes of the saide creditour, after the maner fourme and rate as is afore specified, by the discretion of the sayde lordes, hauyng auctorite by this presents acte, the aforesaide falle and fayned recouere not withstandyng: so that alwayes suche falle and fayned recoueries shall not be in force, or any execution therby had of or vppon any goodes, cattalles, landes, or tenementes of any suche offendour or offendours, vntyll suche tyme as all his or their true and due debtes and duetie, shall be fully satisfied contented and payed to his or their creditours. And neuertheleſſe after that the saide true debtes and dueties, shall be fully satisfied and payde, as is aforesayde, as well the body of the saide offendour, as his landes tenementes goodes and cattalles shall be charged and lyable to the execution of the saide recouery according to the tenour force and effect of the same.

¶ And be it also enacted by the same auctorite, that if any suche person or persons, whiche shalbe indetted, do withdrawe him selfe out of this realme and other the kynges dominions, into any forayne realme, or countrey, to the intent there to abyde and remayne, in defraude of his credytours: that than vppon complaynte in writynge concernynge the premysses, thereof made to the saide lordes hauing auctorite, as is aforesaide, the same lordes

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shall by vertue and auctoritie of this present acte haue power and auctoritie to awarde proclamacions to be made in suche places as to them shall be thought mete and conuenient, commaundyng by the same such offender in the kyng our soueraigne lordes name, to returne with all conuenient spede in to this realme, and to yelde his body before the said lordes, hauyng authoritie as is aforesaide or one of them. And if the said person within three monethes next after he shall haue knowlage of such proclamacio, or as sone after as he conueniently may, do not repaire and yelde his body as is aforesaied, that than the body of all and euery suche offendour and offendours shall be adiudged taken and demed to all intentes and purposes out of the kynges protection, and that also all goodes cattalles landes tenementes and debtes of euery suche offendour shall be by the order and distrecion of the said lordes employed and distributed amonges his creditours equally and indifferently rate for rate, in like maner and fourme as is aforesaide declared. And that also euery person & persons that shall willyngly helpe to ayde embesil or conuay any such person or persons, their goodes cattailes wares or marchaundises out of this realme, & other the kinges dominions, in to any forrein realme or place, knowynge the said person or persons to depart or withdrawe them selues, or conuey theyr saide goodes cattals wares and marchaundises for the cause and intent aforesaid, shall suffer suche peynes by imprisonment of their bodies, or pay suche fyne to our soueraygne lorde the kyng, his heires or successours, as to the said lordes hauynge authoritie by vertue of this present acte, shall seme mete and conuenient for theyr said offense or offences.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if the creditours of any such offendour or offendours, which shall kepe his or their house or houses, or which shall absent or withdrawe them selues into places vnknowen, for the causes aforesaide, be not fully satisfied and paied or otherwise contented for their debtes and duties, by the wayes and meanes aforespecified and declared, that than the said creditour and creditours, and euery of them, shall and may haue their remedy for the recouery & leuenge of the residue of their said debtes or duties, wherof they shall not be fully satisfied and paied, or otherwise contented in fourme aforesaid against the said offendour or offendours in lyke maner and fourme as they shuld or myght haue had, before the makynge of this acte. And that the said creditour and creditours, and euery of them shalbe only barred and excluded by vertue of this acte, of and for all and euery suche part and portion of the said debtes and duetyes, as shalbe payde satisfied distributed or deliuered vnto him or them by the said lordes, hauynge auctoritie as is aforesayde, and of no more portion or parcell there, any thyng herein specified that maye be taken or construed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An act for the explanacion of the Statute of willes. Cap. v.

Where in the last parliament, begun and holden at Westm. the.xx.viii. day of Aprill, in the.xxxi.yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and there by diuers prorogacions holden and continued vnto the.xxviii.day of July, in the.xxxiii.yere of his saied reygne: It was by the kynges moste gracious and lyberall disposition shewed towardes his most humble and obedient subiectes ordeyned and enacted, how and in what maner landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, might by will or testament, in writing or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in the life of euery person, giuen disposed willed or deuised, for the aduancement of the wife preferrement of children, paiment of debtes of euery such person, or otherwise at his will or pleasure, as in the same acte more plainely is declared. Sithen the making of which statute diuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguyties, haue risen, ben moued, and growen, by dyuersitie of opinyons takyng in and vpon the exposition of the letter of the same statute.

¶ For a playne declaracion and explanacion wherof, and to the intent and purpose, that the kinges obedient and louing subiectes shall and may take the commoditie and aduantage of the kynges saied gracious and lyberall disposition, the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseechen the kynges maieste, that the meanyng of the letter of the same statute, concernyng suche matters hereafter rehersed, may be by the auctorite of this present parliament enacted, taken, expounded, iudged, declared, and explaned, in maner and fourme folowyng.

¶ First where it is conteyned in the same former statute, within diuers articles and branches of the same, that all and singular person and persons, hauyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of the estate of inheritance, shuld haue ful and free liberty power and auctorite, to giue, wil, dispose, or assigne, as wel by his last wil & testament in writing or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life, his manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes or any of them, in such maner and fourme, as in the same former act more at large it doth appere. Whiche wordes of estate of inheritaunce, by the auctorite of this present parliament, is and shall be declared, expounded, taken, and iudged, of estates in fee symple onely. And also that al and singular person and persons hauyng a sole estate or interesse in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in coparcenery, or in comon in fee simple of and in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes in possession, reuercion, or remainder, or of rentes or seruices in reuercion or remainder, hauyng no manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king, his heires, or successours, or of any other person or persons, by knightes seruice, shall haue full and free libertie power and auctorite, to giue, dispose, will, or deuise to any person or persons (except

cept bodies politike & corporat) by his last will and testament in writting or otherwise, by any act or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe by him selfe solye or by him selfe & other ioyntly seuerally or particularly, or by all those wayes or any of them, as much as in him of right is or shalbe, all his said manors landes tenementes rentes and hereditamentes, or any of them, or any rentes commons or other profittes, or commodities, out of or to be perceyued of the same, or out of any parcell therof, at his owne free will and pleasure: any clause in the saied former act not withstandyng.

¶ And further be it declared and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that all and singular person and persons, hauyng a sole estate or interest in fee symple, or seised in fee symple, in coperceuery, or in comon in fee symple, of or in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes, in possession reuercion or remainder, or of & in any rentes or seruices incydent to any reuertion or remainder holden of the kyng by knyghtes seruyce in chiefe, or of the nature of knightes seruice in chiefe, hath and by the auctoritie of this present parliament shal haue full and free libertie power & auctoritie, to gyue dispose will or assygne to any person or persons (exceptе bodies politike and corporate) by his last will and testament in writting, or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe soly, or by him selfe & other ioyntly seuerally or particularly, or by all those wayes or any of them, as much as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes as well of all the said manours landes tenementes rentes and hereditamentes as of al and singular his other rentes and hereditamentes, or of any of them or any rentes commons, or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of any parcel therof, in thre partes to be deuided, or as muche therof, as shall amounte to the full and clere yerely value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be deuided, of what person or persons so euer they be holden, at his free will and pleasure. And that by the auctoritie aforesaid, the said will so declared, shall be good and effectuall for two partes of the said manours landes tenemētes and hereditamentes, although the will so declared be made of the whole, or of more thā of two partes of the same. The same deuision to be made and set forthe by the deuisour or owner of the same manours landes tenemētes and hereditamentes, by his last will in writynge or otherwise in writynge. And in default therof by a commission to be graunted out of the kynges court of the wardes and liueries, vpon the inquery of the true valu therof, by the othes of xii. men & returne or certificat therof had in the same courte of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, deuision to be made by the maister of the wardes and liueries, if the maister of the wardes and liueries for the tyme beynge, & the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision. And that the issues and profittes of the two partes of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes vpon euery such deuision, to be restored to them, that shall haue right or title to the same from the death of the owner or deuisour therof.

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¶ And further be it enacted and declared by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and syngular person and persons, hauinge a sole estate or interest in fee symple, or seised in fee symple, in coparcenery, or in cõmon in fee symple of or in any manours landes tenemẽtes rentes or other hereditamẽtes in possession reuercion or remainder, or of and in any rentes or seruices incident to any reuercion or remainder holden of the king, his heires or successors, by knightes seruice, and not in chefe, or holden of any other person or persons by knyghtes seruice, shal haue ful and free liberty power and auctoritie, to giue dispose will or deuise to any person or psons, excepte bodies politike or coporate, by his last will & testament in writyng, or otherwyse by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe by him selfe solye, or by him selfe and other ioyntly seuerally or particularly, or by al thole wayes, or any of them, as moch as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes of al the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamẽtes, or any of them so holde by knightes seruice, or any rentes common or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of any parcell therof, in thre partes to be deuided, or as moch therof, as shall amount to the full & clere percly value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be deuided, at his free wil and pleasure. And that the said will so declared by auctority aforesaid, shalbe good and effectual for two partes of the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, although the wil so declared be or shalbe made of the whole landes and tenementes, so holden by knightes seruice, or of moze than of two partes of the same. And also for the whole of al other such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or any of them, not holden of the king by knightes seruice in chefe, or otherwise by knightes seruice, nor of any other person by knightes seruice, & of any rentes commons or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be percepued of the same, or out of any parcell therof, at his free will and pleasure. The same deuision to be made and set forth by the owner of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last will and testament in writing, or otherwise in writyng. And in defaulte therof, for as muche of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shall concerne the kynges interest, by commission to be directed out of the kinges court of the wardes and liueries, in maner and fourme as is aforesaid, if the maister of the wardes and liueries for the time being, and the parties therunto can not otherwyse agree vpon the same deuision: And that restitution of the issues & profyttes of the two partes therof, shalbe had & made in maner and fourme aboue said. And for suche of the same manors landes tenementes & hereditamentes, as shall concerne the interest of any other lorde or lordes, by cõmission to be graunted out of the kinges court of the chancery, to enquire therof by the othes of .xii. men, if the same lorde or lordes, and the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by auctoritie aforsaid, that the saueynges reseruinges and prouisions, concernynge saueynge of the custody ward-

wardshyp reliefe and prymer seasone to the kynge, of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or as much therof as shal appertayne vnto him by vertue of the said former acte, and by the declaracion & exposition therof, declared by this present acte, duryng the kynges interest therein: And also of the custody and wardship to other lordes, of as much of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes holden of them, as shall amount and extend to the clere yerely value of the thyrd part therof, ouer & aboue all charges, without any diminution or abridgement of the thyrde parte, or of the full profittes therof, comprised and mentioned in diuers articles in the said former act conteined, by the auctoritie aforesaid, be & shall be intended expounded and taken, as herafter ensueth: That is to say, that the kyng shall haue and take for his full thirde parte, of all such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherunto he is or shall be intitled by the said former act, and by this present acte, suche manours landes and tenementes, as shall by any meanes descend, or come by discent, as well of estate of inheritaunce in fee tayle, as in fee simple, or in fee tayle only to the heyre of any suche person, that shall make any will, gift, disposition, or deuise by his last will in writing, or by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, immediatly after the deathe of the same deuisour or owner therof. And that the will gift and deuise of euery suche deuisour or owner, of and for the two partes of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamētes residue, shal by the auctoritie aforesaid, be and stand good and effectuall in the law, albeit the same wil, gift, or deuise be had and made of all his fee simple landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or of the more parte therof. And in case the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, whiche after the death of any suche owner or deuisour, whiche shall make any such gift disposition or deuise by his last will in writyng or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, to his wyfe, chyldren or otherwise, as is aforesaid, which shall immediatly after his deathe descend reuert remaine or come to his heyre or heyres, as well of estate of inheritance in fee tayle, as of estate in fee symple, or fee tayle onely, be not or shall not amount or extende to the ful clere yerely value of the ful third part with the full profittes therof, of al the said manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, of the said deuisour or owner, according to the true intent and meanyng of the said former acte, and of this present acte: That than the king shal and may haue and take into his handes and possessyon, to make vp his ful third part, with the ful profittes therof, according to his interest therin as much of the other manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, willed giuen disposed or assygned by any such person, to his wife childzen or otherwise, as is aforesaid, as with suche of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes descended, or by any meanes come vnto the heire, as heire of any suche deuisour or owner, shall make vp the clere yerely value of the said ful third part, with the ful profittes therof, of all the said manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, of euery suche

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owner or deuisour, so to be had to ye kyng, in title of wardshyp or primer season, as the case shall require. And the deuision therof to be had and made & with the restitutiō of the profites of the two partes of the said manors landes tenementes and hereditamentes in suche maner & fourme as is aboue rehersed. And lyke benefite and aduauntage to be giuen had and taken by the said auctoritie, to euery lorde and lordes, of whome any suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes ben or shall be holden by knyghtes seruice, in maner and fourme as is abouesaid, concernyng only his or theyr thirde partes therof, accordyng to theyr saied interest therin.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaide, that if it happen the same thirde parte, or any part therof, left willed or assigned to the kyng or other lorde, at any time duryng their interestes therin, to be laufully euicted or determined: that than the kyng and the other lorde, shall haue as much of the two partes residue, as shal accomplyshe & make vp a ful thirde parte in clere yerely value, after the rate & portion of such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shall then happen to remayne of the same thirde parte, not deuicted or determined: And of the other two partes of such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as the kyng or other lorde shulde or ought to haue had, by vertue of the saide former act, & this present acte: and the same to be deuided in maner and fourme aboue rehersed, any clause in the said former acte not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the sauinge and reseruyng for fines for alienacion by any suche laste wyll and testament of such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kynge by knightes seruice in chiefe, or of the nature of knyghtes seruice in chiefe, or by socage in chiefe, or of the nature of socage tenure in chiefe, or for fines for alyenation, of suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof there shall be any alteracion of freholde or of inheritaunce, made by any suche laste wyll, comprysed in diuers and sundry articles, mencioned in the sayd former acte, be and shalbe intended expounded taken demed and iudged, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all suche person or persons, to whome the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them, bee or shall be gyuen disposed willed or deuised by any such last will, shalbe exonerated acquited and discharged for euer agaynste the kynge, his heyres and successours, for all such fynes for alyenations, by any suche last wyll or testament, without licence by suing forth of ye kynges pardon for alienacion out of ye kynges courte of Chauncery, paiyng to the king, his heires or successours, for the fine of euery suche alienaciō, the third part of the yerely value of the same manours landes tenementes, or other hereditamētes, to him or them willed or deuysed: And this act, from tyme to tyme shall be a suffycient warrant to the lord Chaūcellour of Englande, or keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge, for the graūtyng out of ye sayde pardon or pardons, vnder the kynges great seale, as heretofore hath bene vsed for pardons for alienacions, without any further suite to be made to the kyng for the same.

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¶ And it is further declared and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that wylles or testamentes, made of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, by any woman couert, or person within the age of .xxi. yeres, idiote, or by any person de non sane memorie, shall not be taken to be good or effectuall in the lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, hauing estate of inheritaunce, of or in manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the king by knightes seruice in chiefe or otherwyse of the kinge by knightes seruice, or of any other person or persons by knightes seruice, hath gyuen at any tyme sythen the .xx. day of the sayd moneth of July, or hereafter shall gyue will deuise or assygne, by wyll or other act executed in his life, his manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them, by fraude or couein, to any other person or persons, for terme of yeres life or liues, with one remainder ouer in fee, or with diuers remainders ouer for terme of yeres lyfe, or in tayle, with a remaynder ouer in fee symple, to any person or personnes, or to his or theyr ryghte heires, or at any tyme sythen the sayd .xx. daye of July, hath conueyed or made, or hereafter shall conuey or make by fraude or coueine, contrary to the true intent of this acte, any estates, condicions, menalties, tenures, or conueyaunces, to the intent to defraude or disceyue the kinge of his prerogatiue, primer season, liuerie, releue, wardshyp, mariages, or ryghtes: or any other lorde of their wardships, relieffes, herriottes, or other profyttes, which shuld or ought to accrue growe or come vnto them or any of them, by or after the death of his or their tenaunt, by force and accordynge to the former estatute, and of this present act and declaracion: and the same estates and other conueiaunces, being founde by office to be so made or contriued by coueyne fraude or disceite, as is abouesayd, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said former act, & of this act. That then the kynge shall haue as wel the wardship of the body, and custody of the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as liuerie, primer season, reliefe, and other profittes, whiche shuld or ought to apperteyne to the kinge, accordynge to the true intent and meanyng of the said former acte, & of this presente acte, as though no such estates or conueyaunces by coueyn had neuer ben had or made, vntill the said office be laufully vndone by trauers or otherwyse, And that the other lorde and lordes, of whom any suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall be holden by knyghtes seruice, as is aforesaid, shall haue their remedy in suche cases, for his or their wardships of bodies and landes, by writ of right of warde, and shall distreine & make auoury or cognisaunce by them selues or their bayliffes, for theyr reliefes, herriottes, and other profittes, which shulde haue ben to them due, by or after the death of their tenaunte, as if no suche estate or conueyaunce had bee had or made, Hauyng and reseruing alwayes, by the auctoritie aforesayd, the ryght and title of the donees, feoffes, lessees, & deuisees therof agaynste the sayd deuisour and his heires, after the interest and title of the kynge or other

other lorde therin ended and determined.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte explanation and declaration, or any of them, or any thing in this saied acte explanacion or declaracion conteyned, shall not extend to the will or deuise of sir John Gaynsford, late of Crowberst in the countie of Surrey, knight decessed: Nor to the will or deuise of sir Peter Filpot knight decessed: Nor to the wil or deuise of Richard Creswell, late of Mattyngley, in the countie of South. gentilman decessed, Nor to the will or deuise of Thomas Unton, late of the countie of Berk. gentilman decessed, son of sir Thomas Unton knyght, also decessed: or shall be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, for or concerning any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, conteined or especified in the said wylles or deuises, or in any of thē, but that the said last willes and deuises, and euery of them, shall stande abide remayne and be in the same case force and effect in the law, to all intentes purposes and constructions as the said last willes and deuises, and euery of them, were before the making of this act declaracion or explanation, and of none other effect or force: this act declaracion & explanacion, or any of thē, or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, from whom the kyng or other lord or lordes shal take any manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes for his or their full third part, or to make vp his or their full third part shal and maye, by auctoritie of this present act, in any of the cases aforesaid vpon his or theyr bil exhibited in the kinges courte of Chauncery, agaynst al and euery such person & persons, which shalbe intitled by or vnder any such will gifte dysposition or deuise, to the other two partes, haue such contribution or recompence for the same, as by the Chauncellour of England, or by the keper of the great seale of Englande for the tyme beynge, shall be thoughte good and conuenient.

¶ An act for the true makyng of pinnes. Cap. vi.

TO auoide the sleighty and false makyng of pinnes whiche be dayly vented vttered and put to sale within this realme, to the no littell hurte and domage of the kinges subiectes byers and occupiers of the same: Be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no maner person or persons from and after the first day of August now next coming, shall vent vtter or put to sale by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner of pynnes within this realme, but onely suche as shal be double headed & haue the heades soudered fast to the shanke of the pinne, wel smethed, the shanke well shauen, the poynt well and round filed canted and sharped, vpon peyne that euery offēder in that behalf shall lose

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and forfayt for euery .M. of pynnes, not sufficiently wrought & made, ben ted vttered or put to sale contrary to the purporte of this acte. xl. s. the one halfe of the saide forfaiture to be to the kynges maiestie, & the other halfe to any his graces subiectes that wyll sue for the same, by bill playnte action of Det, informacion, or otherwyse in any court of recorde, wherein ꝑ defendant shall not wage his law, nor any essoine protection or forein plea allowed or admitted, any lawe, statute, or ordinaunce heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaies ꝑ the penaltie of the saide forfaiture shall onely extende to the vtterer & seller of the saide pinnes, & not to the byer of them.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall sel any pynnes above the rate or prices, ꝑ they heretofore within two yeres haue ben commonly sold at, vpon paine to forfayt. vi. s. viii. d for euery .M. sold contrary to this prouision, the moity of whiche forfaiture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytie shall be to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, by action bill informacion, or other suite in any the kinges court of record, in the whiche none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed. This acte to take effecte from the firste daye of Januarye next commynge, and to endure to the last day of the next parliament.

An act to authorise certaine of the kynges maiesties counsayle to set prices vpon wines to be solde by retayle. Cap. vii.

IN their most humble wyse shewen vnto the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, the vintners beyng onely sellers and retailours of wine in all the cities, boroughes and all other townes where repayre of people is, and to the which the kynges subiectes do dayly resort within this realme of Englande, that where, in the .xx viii. yere of the kynges maiesties most gracious reigne, at the parliament holden at westminster: It was amongest other good statutes enacted, that no maner of persons shulde sell by retayle any Gascoyne, Guion, or Frenche wines, aboue eight pens the gallon, that is to saye, a peny the pynte, two pence the quarte, foure pens the pottle, and eyght pence the gallon, vpon peyne to forfayt for euery pynte solde contrary to the acte. iiii. pens, euery quart eyght pens, euery pottle. xii. pens, and euery gallon. ii. s. And that malmeseyes, rommeyes, sackes nor other swete wines shulde be sold by retayle aboue. xii. d. the gallon. fyue. d. the pottle, thre. d. the quart, thre halfpens the pinte, vpon peine to forfaite for euery gallon solde contrary to that act. iii. s. iiii. pens: for euery pottle. xx. d. for euery quart. xii. pens. and for euery pinte, fyue pens, as in the same acte more plainely is declared. Neuertheles it was prouided in the saied act that the lord Chancellour, lord Tresourer lord President of the kynges counsayle, lorde Keuye seale, and the

two chiefe Justices, fyue, foure, or thre of them, shall haue auctoritie and power, by their discretions, to set the prises of all kinde of wines, that is to saie, the butte, tonne, pipe, hoggeshead, puncheon, teers, barrell, or rundlet, whan it shalbe solde in grosse: So that the same pryces limytted, be wrytten and openly proclaimed as in the said act it is lykewyse conteyned. Sith the makyng of which act such persons as dyd retayle wines within the said cities, boroughes, townes, and other places within this realme, bought of the best wines of Gascon for. iiii. li. xiii. s. iiii. d the tonne at the moste, of the best frenche wines for. iiii. li. ye ton, malmesyes, for. iiii. li. the but, bastardes .iii. li. vi. s. viii. pens ye pipe, sackes and romneies for fiue markes the butte at ye most The caskes or vessels conteinyng ye same wines, beynge full gauged so that vpon the retailyng therof againe, they might sell the same wine at the pryces lymitted in the saied acte, and had competente lyuynges for them, their wiues, children, family and houshold. Syth which time the said retailours of wines can not bye any good Gascon wines, onles they do pay to the marchant for ye same after the rate of. vii. or. viii. li. sterlyng the tonne at the least, and euery tonne of Frenche wyne. syx. li. sterlynges at ye least, malmesyes for. v. li. the butte, sackes and romneyes. iiii. li. x. s. the butte bastardes. v. li. the pype, or fiue pounde syx. s eight. d. And where the pype of bastard shuld conteine as muche as doth ye sacke but, the same pype doth want of ye same content twenty gallons at the least, & yerely wanteth more & more. And also where the malmesye butte shuld conteine as much as the butte of sacke shuld do, the malmesye but likewyse wanteth of his truecontent. xii. or xvi. gallons. And albeit ye biers of saied wynes may, by the saied act of parlyament, allowe them selues vppon the payment of their money for the same, yet ye marchaunt in no wyse wyll sell his wines, onles the biers do indent, promyse, and couenaunte with the saied marchaunte, or other wyse bynd them selfe, that they shall take none aduauntage of the saied act of gaugynge. For all which causes your suppliantes can not sell and retayle the saied kyndes of wine, at suche prise and pryses, as is in the saied acte expressed, and lyue vppon the same, but be therby vtterly impouerished and vndone, oneles other remedye by this hyghe courte be for the refourmacion therof spedely prouyded. In tender consyderacion wherof the premysses consideryngе, and also for that the wynes called Muskadels is reputed and taken for swete wyne, and oughte to be retayled at suche pryce as other wynes, called swete wynes, be mencioned in the sayde acte, the sayde retailour can not bye that kynde of wyne, vnder, fyftene, or syxtene pounde the tonne. For reformation wherof yt may please the kynges hyghnes, and the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, that it may be enacted and establysshed, that suche Lordes, as by the sayde former acte, haue auctoritye and power to sette pryces of wyne in grosse, shall by vertue and force of this Acte, haue the same auctoritye to myttygate, and enhaunce the pryce of wynes, hereafter to be

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be solde by retaile as often as tyme and occasion shall require: any thynge in the saide former acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandyng. And their said prices, ordinances, after proclamacion therof made, to be obserued and kept, vpon payne or penalte in the same proclamacions conteined. The moytie of all which penalties to be to the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde by bill, plaint, or informacion: in the whiche no wager of lawe, essoine, or protectiō, shalbe allowed. This act to endure to the ende of the next parliament.

¶ An acte that personnes beynge no common Surgions may minister outwarde medicines. Cap. viii.

VUhere in the parliamēt holden at westm̄. in the. iii. yere of the kynges most gracious reygne, amongest other thynges for the auoydynge of sorceryes, witchcrafte, and other inconueniences, it was enacted, that no person within the citie of London, nor within. vii. miles of the same, shulde take vpon him to exercise & occupie as Phisitian or surgion, excepte he be first examined approued & admytted by the byshop of London & other, vnder & vpon certein peines & penalties in the same act mencioned. Sythens the making of which said act, the company & felowship of surgions of London, mindynge onely their owne lucres, & nothyng the profyt or ease of the diseased or pacient, haue sued troubled, & vexed, diuers honest persones as well men as women, whom god hath endued with the knowlege of the nature kinde, & operacion of certein herbes, rootes, and waters, & the vsynge and ministring of thē, to suche as ben peined with customable diseases: as womens brestes being sore, a pin and the web in the eye, vncomes of handes, scaldynges, burnynges, sore mouthes, the stone, strangury, saucelim, & morfew, and such other like diseases. And yet the said persons haue not taken any thing for their peines or cunning, but haue ministered the same to the poore people only for neighbourhode & goddes sake, & of pitie & charytie. And it is nowe well knowen, that the surgions admitted woll do no cure to any person, but where they shall knowe to be rewarded with a greatter summe or rewarde than the cure extendeth vnto, for in case they wolde mynistere their cunnyng to sore people vnrewarded, there shulde not so many rotte, and perysshe to deathe for lacke of helpe of surgery as dayly do: but the greatest part of surgions admitted ben muche more to be blamed, than those personnes that they trouble. For although the most parte of the persons of the said crafte of surgions haue small cunnyng, yet they wyll take great summes of money, & delytle therfore, and by reason therof they doe often tymes impare and hurt their patientes, rather then do theym good. In consideracion wherof, and for the ease, comforte, succour, helpe relyefe, & helth of the kynges poore subiectes, inhabytauntes of this his realme, now peined or diseased, or that hereafter shalbe peyned or diseased, Be it ordeined establysshed and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present palyament,

that at all time from henſforthe it ſhall be lefull to euery perſon beynge the kynges ſubiecte, haupnge knowlege & experience of the nature of herbes rotes, and waters, or of the operacio of the ſame, by ſpeculacion or practiſe within any parte of the realme of Englande, or within any other the kynges dominions, to practyſe, vſe and miniſter in and to any outwarde ſore, vncom, wounde, appoſtemacions, outwarde ſwellinge or diſeaſe, any herbe or herbes, oyntmentes, bathes, pultes and emplaſters, accordyng to theyr cunnynge, experience, and knowlege in any of the diſeaſes ſores and maladies before ſaide, & all other like to the ſame, or drinkes for the ſtone straungurye or agues, without ſute, veracion, trouble, penaltie, or loſſe of theyr goodes, the forefaid ſtatute in the forſaide thyrde yere of the kynges moſt gracious reygne, or any other acte ordinaunce or ſtatute to the contrary here of, heretofore made, in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

¶ An act for the preſeruacion of the ryuer of Seuerne. Cap. ix.

VWhere diuers perſons, aſwell inhabitauntes fermers and dwellers nere vnto the ſtreme of Seuerne, & vnto the crikes & pilles of ỹ ſame from kyngrode vpwarde towarde the citie and towne of Glouceſtre, conueieth and carieth graine & corne out of the realme of Englande, vnto the partyes beyonde the ſea, where graines are very deere, & now of late tyme haue made picardes & other great botes, with fore maſtes, of the burden of .xb. ton and ſo to .xxx. ton. And by reaſon therof, wheat, rie, beanes, barley, malte, & other kynde of graines by ſtealth are conueied in to the vtter parties beyonde the ſea, ſo that therby the kynges maieſtie is not onely deceiued of his ſubſidye and cuſtome for the ſame, but it cauſeth at ſuch tymes wheate graine and other kinde of corne, as is aforeſaide, to be at hygh prices. And by the ſame meanes thinhabitantes within the ſaied citie or towne of Briſtoll, are often and ſundry tymes deſtitute & ſkant may haue graine or corne to ſerue the kynges obedient ſubiectes there dwellynge and inhabitynge. And alſo by reaſon of haupnge of the ſaide great botes & veſſelles oftentimes diuers ſhyppes, aſwell of the parties beyonde the ſea, as other of engliſſhe ſhippes, lienge in Kingrode and Hungerode, beyng portes or hauens of the citie or towne of Briſtoll, aforeſaied, diſtaunt fyue myles or therabout from the ſaid towne of Briſtoll, awaityng and tarieng there, the comming of the ſaide great botes with corne and graine downe Seuerne, who there diſchargeth the graine & corn abord the ſaide ſhips at kyngrode. By reaſon wherof the ſaide ſhips & other veſſelles, there tarienge for the receipte of the ſaid graine and corne, do then caſt out their balaſt of ſtones & other robull of balaſt of their ſaied ſhips and veſſelles, into the ſaid rodes & hauens of Hungrode & kingrode, and there lodith the ſaied graine or corne in the ſhips & veſſelles to the great diſtruction, & in continuance to the vtter vndoyng of the ſaid rodes and hauens. So that the mouth & hole channell of the ſaied hauen is ſo heaped and quarred with ſtones and robull of balaſtes of the ſhippes and botes there arriuyng, that great ſhippes, whiche

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vseth the course of marchandise to the said towne of Bristoll from the partes beyonde the sea, & fro the saide towne laden with marchandise vnto the vtter parties, may scantly or saufly come vnto the kynges said porte and towne of Bristoll and the ryuer of the same, and so from the said porte and towne of Bristoll vnto the said Seuerne, without great daungier & peryll. And by that meanes shippes of great bourden are like to be distroyed and vtterly be cast away, & if redresse be not the sonet had therin, it will be to the vtter distruction of the hauen & porte of the said towne of Bristol, which said towne of Bristoll is chiefly mayntened by course of marchaundyse. Wherfore it may please the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, to enacte make and ordeyne, that after the laste daye of July next comynge, no maister or maisters, owner or owners of ship or ships, or of any other bote or vessell, or any other persõ or persons, do cast or vnlode their balast or robull at or in the saied rode called Kingrode and Hungrode nor in any of them nein any other place frõ the rode of Kyngrode vnto the towne of Bristoll, nor in no part of the hauen therof, but on the lande only aboue the full sea marke, vpon peine that euery suche owner maister of ship or of other bote or vessell, and of euery other person or persons, castyng and layng their balast or robull in the streme, at the place or in the ryuer afore said, to forfait at euery time so offendyng. xiii. li. the one halfe therof to bee to our soueraigne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe therof to the partie þ will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, as well within courtes of recorde within cities and townes corporate, before the mayre aldermen shireffes & baylliffes according to their corporacion, as elles where in any the kinges courtes of recorde, by bill plaine action of dette information or otherwise, in the whiche action the defendant shal not wage his law neither pet no protection or essoine to be allowed.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforsaid, that no person or persons from henssorth shal enbote or lade, or cause to be enboted or laden, any wheate malte beues, or any other kinde of graine or corne, what so euer it shalbe, in any picard bote or other vessel, at any creke pylle banke or els where vpõ the Seuerne streme, betwene the key of the citie of Glouceter & the said citie or towne of Bristol by water of Seuern, to thintent to be transported into vtter ptes beyond the sea out of the kinges dominion before þ the said owner or lader of the said picard bote or other vessell, hath ben with the kynges customers of the said towne of Bristoll, & there by hym selfe & one sufficient suretie wt him, bounden vnto the kynges customers of þ said porte & towne of Bristol aforesaid, in such reasonable sumes of money to þ vse of our said souerayne lord þ kyng, as shall amoũt to þ double value of þ said grain or corne ther or to be laden or to enboted, vpõ condition that þ said owner or maister of þ said picard or bote or other vessell shall not repair nor trãsport the said corn or graine, nor no part therof into any vtter ptes beyond the sea out of þ kynges dominiõ, before þ said maister owner thereof

shall come and bringe the saide graine and come vnto the key of the sayde towne of Bristoll and there to be viewed or sene the contentes therof, and the contentes therof to be declared vnto the kynges customers & to ꝑ mayre of the said towne for the tyme beyng, if there be any such licence or lawfull cause for to conuey or transporte grain or come into the parties beyond the sea out of the saied kinges dominion, there to be measured and mette by the cõmon measure of the saide towne. And after the said obligation with condicion so made sealed and deliuered vnto the said customer: Then the said customer shal deliuer a sufficient cocket vnto the party owner or owners, or maister so bounden to conuey the saide graine or come vnto the keye of Bristoll, vpon peine that euery picarde bote or other vessell so laden with graine or other kynde of come, to be carped or transported in to the vttre parties beyond the sea out of the kynges dominion, to be forfayted, as well the saide come and graine so laded, as the saied bote so laden contrary vnto this present acte, wherof the kynge our soueraigne lorde to haue the thre partes therof, and the partie that will sue for the same the fourth parte, before the kynges most honorable counsayle according to the kinges proclamacion in that behalfe made and prouyded.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that if it shall appere vpon the measuryng therof, vnto the maire of the said towne of Bristoll, & to the kinges customers then for the tyme beyng, that there is more come or graine loded to be transported into the ptes beyond the sea, within any of the said vessels botes pickardes or trowes, ouer and aboue foure quarters: that than it shalbe lefull vnto the saide mayre and customers there for the tyme beyng, to cause the owner or cõueier therof vnto the said towne of Bristoll, to make sale of such come and graine, as shall be brought ouer and aboue the contentes of the sayde cocket or licence, and ouer and aboue foure quarters beside the cocket or licence, according as the prises of such graine and come are commonly worthe and sold in the open market of the said towne of Bristoll, The saide common meater to haue for the measuring of euery way of come. ii.d. on peine of euery person, beynge owner of ꝑ said graine or come, or hauing the charge of the same, denienge the measurynge of the said graine at the said key of Bristoll, to lose and forfaite for euery tyme so denieng. v.li. the one halfe therof to be to our said soueraigne lorde the kynge, & the other halfe therof to be to the partie ꝑ will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of dette information or otherwise: In the whiche action the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nor protection nor essoune allowed.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aboueside, that no person or persons after the first day of August next coming, do cast or vnlade out of any maner of ship, crayer, or any other vessell, beynge within any hauen rode chanell or riuer, flowyng or running to any port towne, or to any citie borough or towne within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions any maner of balast rubbish grauell or any other wracke, or filth, but onely vpon

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the lande aboue the full sea marke, vpon peine that euery person and persons offendyng this acte, to lose & forfaut for euery tyme so offendyng, fyue poundes, the one halfe to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, & the other halfe therof, to suche person and persons, as will sue for the same, by bill playne originall writte or informacion in any the kynges courtes of record, in which action or sute no wager of law shalbe admitted, nor any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ An acte for the true makyng of couerlettes in Yorke. Cap. x.

Where as the citie of Yorke, being one of the auncient and greatest cities within the realme of England, afore this tyme hathe ben maintened and vpholden by diuers and sundrye handye crafftes there vsed, and moste principallye by makynge and weuyng of couerlettes and couerynges for beddes, and thereby a greate number of the inhabitauntes and poore people of the saide citie suburbes therof and other places within the countie of Yorke, haue ben dailye set on worke in spinnynge cardyng diynge weuynge, & otherwise concernynge the makyng of them, to the great commoditie of the inhabitantes and poore people of the saide citie, hauing therby honest liuinges and not made elles where in any parte of the same countie. For the true substanciall & perfecte makyng wherof many good and beneficiall ordinaunces and ordres haue ben deuised and made, as well for the good stuffe cõcerning the saied couerlettes and couerynges, as also for the length and bredth of them and other wise: of the whiche couerlettes and couerynges the best sorte shuld & ought by the same ordinaunces, to conteine in lengthe .iii. yardes, and in bredthe ii. yardes, and a quarter at the least. The second sorte to conteyne in length iii. yardes, and in bredth .ii. yardes. And the lowest or thirde sort shulde conteyne .ii. yardes and a halfe in length, & in bredth one yarde and .iii. quarters, vnder paine of forfaiture of the same, the one halfe and moytye of the said forfaiture to be to the mayre & commonaltye of the saied citie, and the other moitie to be to the wardens and company of the said handy crafte of couerlette makers. And for as much as the same couerlettes & couerynges were well and substancially made and wrought, the kinges subiectes of diuers parties of the realme, and also straungers of other forreine realmes, knowyng the goodnes of them, were very desirous to haue & bye the saide coueriets and couerynges: And now of late diuers and sundry vnill disposed persons apprentises not experte in the same occupacion, withdrawynge them selues out of the said citie of Yorke into the countie of Yorke, & other places therabouts, and also diuers other persons, inhabityng in villages and townes within the said countie, and nigh to the same, entermedlynge with the same crafte or occupacion, hauynge litle experience therin, not beyng bounde to the said rules and ordinaunces, do daily make courtlettes and couerynges, neither of good stuffe nor of good assyse length or bredth,

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and for the vttrance of the same, vse daily the craft & subtilitie of hawkynge abrode in the countrey, to villages and to mens houses, puttyng the same naughty ware to sale secretly, not onely to the great impouerishynge of the inhabitauntes of the said citie, & also to the great disceit of the kynges true and faithfull subiectes, vsing the said couerlettes, to the great defaumynge and sclaunder of the said handy craft, but also to the impouerishyng of the inhabitauntes of the said citie, and vtter decay of the same, yf remedye therein be not prouided. It may therfore please our souerayne lord the king, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted, by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, dwellynge and inhabityng within the said countie of Yorke, or nighe vnto the same, shall after the feast of saint Michaell tharchangell nexte commynge, make any couerlettes or couerynges, to be put to sale, onelesse such person or persons, after the said feaste, be inhabityng or dwellyng within the citie of Yorke, or within the suburbes of the same, vpon pein of forfaiture of euery suche couerlet or couerynge, made wroughte and put to sale, contrary to the tenour of this estatute, or the value therof.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the saide auctoritie, that no maner of person or persons, of the occupacion or handy craftes men of couerynges or couerlet makers, dwellyng within the said citie of Yorke, or the suburbes of the same or els where within the said countie, shall from and after the said feaste, vse the said crafte of haukyng, or go as haukers, or put to sale any couerlettes in any other place or places, out of the saide citie and liberties therof, but onely in the open markettes and fayres, vpon pein of forfaiture of the same couerlettes and couerynges, or the value therof: The one halfe of the said forfaitures, if it be in any citie borough or towne corporate, to be to the maire and comminaltie bailiffe gouernour or other rulet, and comminaltie of euery such citie borough or towne corporate, auctorised to haue the same by graunt or prescripcion, or otherwise lawfully: & the other halfe therof to suche person or persons, as shall sease or sue for the same by bill playnte action informacion or otherwise in any courte of recorde, wherein no wager of lawe dylatorie plea or protection shall be allowed or admytted. And yf the saide forfaiture happen to be taken or founde out of any the said cities townes or boroughes, hauyng no suche auctoritie: than the one moitie of the said forfaiture to be to our souerayne lord the king, his heyres and successours: and the other moytie to suche person and persons, as will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes in fourme aforesaid.

¶ And be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the wardeines and serchers of the said occupacion and handy crafte of couerlettes & couerynges makers, within the saide citie of Yorke, for the tyme beynge, and their successours, shall after the said feast of saint Michaell haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to make serch in all fayres & markettes, frō Trent northwarde within this realme of Englande, for all such couer-

couerlettes and coueringes, as shalbe put to sale, not beyng well and suffici ently wrought, & made of sufficient stuffe, or not conteinynge the assises be- fore limitted & expressed, accordyng to the tenor of this acte, and so sease and take the same as forfaited. The one moitye and halfe of suche forfaiture, if any suche shalbe out of ẏ saied cities boroughes or townes corporate, to be to our soueraygne lord the kynge, & the other moytie therof to the saide serchers and wardeines, that shall sease and take the same: to be had and recouered in lyke maner and fourme, as is afore rehersed.

¶ Prouyded alwaies, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons, dwellyng within the countie of Yorke, at their free wyll and pleasure at all tymes hereafter, to make couerlettes, of what assyse, or of what so euer stuffe they woll for their owne vse or store of their housholdes, or for theyr lordes, to whom they be tenantes: So alwayes that the same couerlettes so made shall not be put to sale. And also that when and as often as the said serchers or wardens of the occupacion of couerlet makers of the sayde citie of Yorke, shall make serche in any lyberties or francheses within the said countie, for any the causes in the saied acte mencioned: That then and so often they shall requyre the head officer of the same liberties and fraun- cheses, or his deputye, to be aidyng and assistyng, and also to go with them to make the saide serch. And if the same officer or his deputie, vpon request so made refuse or wyll not so do, that then vpon suche deniall and refusell, the same serchers or wardeines, to make serche them selues: any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded also, that the lordes of the saied liberties & franchises, where any suche serches shalbe made by auctoritie of this acte, shall haue such fy- nes and forfaytures, as of ryght they ought to haue, by reason of any suche serches, in as large & ample maner, as they ought haue had the same be- fore the makynge of this acte, & as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An act for the true makyng of Frises and Cottons in Wales. Cap. xi.

FOr as much as the inhabitauntes clothmakers, that dwell within the townes & boroughes of Caermerthin shire, Cardiuã shire, & Pembroke shire, haue vsed in tymes past to make their cloth, called welshe Frise, and Cotton called welshe cotton, to the great profit of all the kynges subiectes of this realme, that is to saie, euery pece called a high Frise rawe, shulde be made of. liiii. li. yarn, and shuld contein in length. xlvi. yardes, & in bredthe one yarde one quarter: and euery halfe pece high Frise, shuld wey. xxvii. li. and conteigne in length. xxiii. yardes rawe, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter. And that euery pece cotton shulde wey, beynge rawe. lxviii. li. of haberdepoyse, & conteine in length. xlviii. yardes, and in bredth. v. quarters i. nael, wout any strainyng. And ẏ euery half pece cotton shuld wey. xxxiiii. poũde, & conteine in length. xxiiii. yardes, & in bredthe. v. quarters & .i. nael.

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whiche true and good makynge of Friſes and Cottons hath ben of longe tyme decayed and extinguiſhed, and yet is, to the great decay and ruyne of all the ſaied townes and boroughes, and alſo to the greatte ſclaunder and hinderaūce of all good true clothiers, inhabityng within the ſame, and alſo to the great hurte and preiudyce of all the kynges ſubiectes, which do vſe the ſame. And the principall grounde and occaſion therof is, that the Clothiers, Tuckers, weauers, & ſuch other, that were wont to inhabyte within the ſaid townes and boroughes, and there to make true Fryſes and Cottons, both in length and breth, be nowe come forreiners husbandmen and Graſiers, dwellyng in the countrey out of the ſaid townes of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke, and other boroughe townes aforeſaide: and there to make their owne wolle in Friſes and Cottons, after the moſte falſe and deceitfull maner, that may be, and the ſame do cary from place to place, to be ſolde, to the great diſceite and hinderaunce of all the kynges louing ſubiectes, and to the great ſclaunder of all true clothe makers within all the ſaid townes and boroughes. For remedye and reformacion wherof, Be it enacted by the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame: that after the firſt day of June next cōmyng, which ſhalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. CCCCC. xliii. no maner of perſon within the ſayde thre ſhyres of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke, do make any raw friſes, called welſh friſe, or any cottons, called welſh cottons to be ſold in any faire and market, or elles where in any other place, onles euery pece Friſe, called a high friſe rawe, be made of clene wolle, without flore or throm, weyng in yarne, lviii. li. of haberdepoyſe, at the leaſte, and conteinyng in length. xl vi. yardes rawe, and in breth one yarde one quarter. And that euery halfe pece friſe high, ſhall wey. xxvi. li. and conteyne in length. xxiii. yardes, and in breth one yarde one quarter. And that euery pece cotton rawe, ſhall wey. lxviii. li. of yarne at the leaſt, without flore or throm, and contein in length. xlviii. yardes, & in breth one yarde one quarter and one nael. And that euery half pece cotto ſhal wey. xxxiii. li. of yarne without flor or throm, and conteine in length. xxiii. yardes, and in bredthe .v. quarters & one nael, vpon peine to forfayt euery pece & halfe pece friſe: and euery pece cotton, & half pece cotton, ſo put to ſale contrary to the true meaning intent and purpoſe of this preſent acte: The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the kyng our ſouerayngne lorde, and the other halfe to him and them, that wil ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes wherin no eſſoine wager of lawe nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte ſhall take effecte after the feaſte of the purificacion of our Ladie next commynge, and not before.

In acte

¶ An acte for pauynge of lanes and stretes in London and Westminster. Capi. xii.

For as muche as the strete, called white crosse strete, and the strete called Cheswell strete, leadynge frome whitecrosse strete, vnto the hyghe waye, leading to Moregate, the lane called Goldyng lane, and the strete called Grubstrete, in the paryshe of saint Gyles without Crepulgate: The strete called Goswell strete, in the paryshe of saint Botulphes withoute Aldersgate: the lane called Longe lane, beynge in the parysshe of saynte Botulphe without Aldersgate, and saynte Sepulchres without Newgate: The strete called saint Johñs strete, leading from the barres of Smythfelde, vp to the ponde at the corner of the wall, extendynge alonge the high way, leadinge to Islyngton: And also the strete frome the saied barres to Cowcrosse: The lane called water lane in Fletestrete, in the parysshe of saint Bride and saint Dunstane, leadynge downe to Thames: the waye leadyng without Temple barres westwarde, by & vnto Clementes Inne gates, & new Inne gates, to Drewry place in the countie of Midd. And also one litle lane, stretchinge from the sayde waie, to the signe of the bell at Drewry lane ende, and the common high way, leadynge throughe a certeyne place, called petie Fraunce, from the barres of the weste ende of Tothyll strete of Westmynster, in the countie of Mydd, vnto the vttermoste parte of the west ende of the saied place, called petie Fraunce: the strete or high waye leadynge from bishops gate, to and aboue Shordyche churche, and the bridge called Stronde bridge, and the way leadynge from the same bridge, towardes Temple barre: And the lane called Foskue lane, from the garden and tenement of the bishop of Lychefelde, and the gardens and tenementes, called the bell & proctours, downe to Stronde bridge, be very foule and full of pyttes and sloughes, very perillous and noyouse, as well for all the kynges subiectes, throughe and by them repayrynge and passynge, as well on horse backe as on foote, as also with cariage, and very necessarye to be kepte cleane, for the auoydynge of corrupte sauours and occasion of pestilence. For the amendmente and reformacion wherof it may please the kynges highnesse, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & of his commons in this his high courte of parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it may be ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, that all and euery person and persons bodies politicque and corporate, whiche nowe haue, or any tyme hereafter shal haue any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee symple, fee toyle, for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeshyp of any heire durynge the nonage of the same heire, or by execucion by writ of Elegit, or for any estatute estaple, liyng & beyng adioynynge to the foresaide stretes lanes & waies, or any of them, shall on this side the feast of saint Mighell tharchangel, which shall be in the yere of our lorde god M. D. xliiii. well and sufficiently paue or cause to be paued, with good pauyng

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stones, all and euery part of the saide stretes lanes and other theyr tempsses before expressed, euery man such parte and quantitie of the same lanes stretes and waies, vnto the middes of them and euery of them, in lengthe and breadeth, as his or their landes or tenementes do lye or extende in lyke maner and forme, as the stretes and lanes within the citie of London be paued, with causeis or caneis in the middes of the saine stretes, lanes, and wayes, as shalbe thought most necessary and conuenyent, vppon paine euery person in his owne defaute, to forfaite for euery parde square of the same stretes, lanes & wayes & euery of them, not sufficiently paued, before the feast of saynt Myghel. xii. pens. And that all and euery suche persons hauyng or whiche hereafter shall haue landes or tenementes in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of life or otherwise as is aforesaide, adioynynge or lyenge to and nexte either side of the same stretes, lanes and wayes, or any of them, their heires, assygnes, or successours, after and from the saied feast of saint Myghel, shall yerely maynteine and repayre the same pauementes and euery of them, ouer against his saied landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from tyme to tyme, as often and whan as nede shall require at all tymes hereafter with pauinge stone, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery parde square, not sufficiently paued. xii. pens, as often as any suche defaute of any person shalbe presented before the Justices of peace within the said countie of Midd, for that parte of the said stretes, lanes and wayes beyng within the said countie of Midd. And before the mayre, and the aldermen or Justices of the peace, within the citie of London, for that whiche is within the liberties of the saied citie.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saied, that the said Justices of peace, within the said countie of Midd. for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to inquire in euery their quarter sessions, to be kept after the sayde feast of saynt Myghell, by the othes of twelue men of the saied countye, as well of them that haue not paued suche parte or porcyon of the said stretes, lanes, wayes and euery of them, beyng within the sayde countye, ouer againste and alonge vnto the myddes of the same stretes, lanes, and wayes, as they landes and tenementes do lye or extende, as also of such persons as haue ben remysse and negligent in amendynge and repayrynge the same stretes, lanes, and wayes, from tyme to tyme as nede shall requyre, accordyng to the meanyng of this act.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the said Justices of peace, within the sayde countie of Midd, for the tyme beynge, within they iurisdiction, shall haue full power and auctoritie by they discrecions to amerce and set fynes vpon suche persons, as shall be remysse negligent, or make defaute in the obseruyng of the tenour of this act. And yf the sayde Justices of peace. within the saide countie of Midd, or the mayre and aldermen, & Justices of peace of the saide citie of London, at any they quarter sessions, after the sayde feast of saynt Myghell, to be holden and kepte within the said countie of Midd, by the Justices of peace of the same coun-

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tie: or the mayre aldermen & Justices of peace of the said citie of Londō: at any their quarter sessions, or enquestes of wardemey, kept wthin the said cytie of London, be negligent & rempsse on their parties to charge by the othe of.xii. men suche persons, to find & present the said defaultes & negligences of all parsons offendyng, contrary to the meaning of this act: then the said Justices of peace wthin the said coūtie of Midō, beynge present at the same quarter sessions, to lose & forfaite for euery tyme so neglectynge the same charge. C. S. And in likewise the mayre aldermen and Justices of peace of London, to lose and forfaite for euery lyke defaute and neglectynge. C. E. ¶ And be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that the clerke of peace of the said coūtie of Midō, for the tyme beynge, shall from time to tyme, certyfie into the kynges Escheker, as well all such fines & forfaitures, so assessed within the said countie, lost & forfaited before the said iustices in Midō, to the vse of the kynges highnes and his heires, And the barons of the sayde Escheker to make out processes by distresse to be taken and leuied vpon ỹ said landes and tenementes, or otherwise by theyr discrecions, as well for the said fines assessed, as also for the said forfaytures & penalties before limited. And if the clerke of the peace within the said coūtie of Midō, be rempsse and negligent in makyng such certificat, or doyng his duetie accordyng to this acte: then the same clerke to lose and forfait for euery suche defaulte. v. li. The one halfe therof to be to the vse of the kynges highnes, and thother halfe to any of the kynges subiectes, that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by byll, action, informacion, or otherwyse: wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection, shall lie for the defendaunt.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that the maire aldermen and Justice of peace within the said citie of London & suburbes of the same, or .iiii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this acte, shal haue full power and auctorite, from time to time, to set fynes and amerciamentes of all and singular person and persons, for not pauyng & repairyng of any of the said stretes, lanes, or highe waies, wthin the said cities and liberties of the same, which now be paued, or hereafter shalbe by force of this acte, paued: and the same fines & amerciamentes to bee leuyed by dystresse plaint or action within the said citie, by the chamberleyne of the saide citie for the tyme beynge, to the vse of the mayre and cōmaltie of the saide citie and theyr successours, as other fines and amerciamentes for any other matter or cause within the said citie haue ben vsed and accustomed.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that if any the inhabitantes of such lādes or tenementes do sufficiently repayre & paue before their mansions & dwelling places, the sayde stretes, lanes, & high wayes: that then euery such inhabitant, by force of this act, shall defaulke, abate, & reteine in his handes, as muche of rent due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue expended in and aboute the same paupyng & repairynge: and the lessour for so muche money, as suche summe doth amount vnto, to haue no action reentre nor other remedye for none payment of the same, onles it shalbe otherwise agreed betwene theym.

¶ An acte for knyghtes and burgesses to haue places in the parliamente for the countie Palatine and citie of Chester. Cap.xiii.

Moost humble wise shewen vnto your moost excellente maiestie, the inhabitantes of your graces countie Palatine of Chester, that where the said countie Palatine of Chester is and hath ben alwayes hitherto, exempte, excluded and seperated out and from youre hygh court of parlyamente, to haue any knyghtes and burgesses within the sayde courte: By reason wherof the sayde inhabitauntes haue hytherto sustayned manyfolde dyscherisons losses and damages, as well in their landes goodes and bodies, as in the good ciuile and politike gouernaunce and maintenaunce of the common welthe of theyr saide countreye. And for as muche as the sayde inhabytauntes haue alwayes hytherto ben bounde by the actes and statutes made and ordeyned by your saide highnes, and your mooste noble progenytours, by auctoritie of the sayde courte, as farforth as other counties cityes and boroughnes haue ben, that haue had theyr knyghtes and burgesses within your sayde court of parliament, and yet haue had neyther knyght ne burgesse there, for the said countie Palatyne, the saide inhabitauntes for lacke therof, haue ben oftentymes touched and greued with actes and statutes, made within the saide courte, as well derogatiue vnto the mooste auncient iurisdictions liberties and priuileges of your saide countie Palatine, as preiudiciall vnto the common welth, quietnes, reste, and peace of your graces moste boūden subiectes, inhabitinge within the same. For remedy wherof it may please your sayde hyghnes that it be enacted, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that from the ende of this present session, the sayde countie Palatine of Chester shall haue two knyghtes for the saied countie Palatine, and likewyse two citezens to bee burgesses for the citte of Chester, to be elect and chosen by proces, to bee awarded by the chauncellour of Englande, vnto the chamberleyne of Chester, his lieutenaunt or deputie for the tyme beynge. And so lyke proces to be made by the saied chamberlayne, his lieutenaunte or deputie to the shireffe of the saied countie of Chester: And the same election to bee made vnder lyke maner and forme, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as is vsed within the countie Palatine of Lancastre, or any other countie and citie within this realme of Englande, whiche saide knyghtes and burgesses, and euery of them so elected and chosen, shall be retourned by the said shireffe into the chauncery of Englande in due fourme, and vpon lyke paynes as it is ordeined, that the shireffe or shireffes of any other countie within this realme, shoulde make theyr retourne in case like. And whiche sayde knyghtes and burgesses, and euery of them so elected and retourned, shalbe knyghtes & burgesses of the courte of parlyament, & haue

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lyke voyce and auctoritie, to all intentes and purposes, as any other the knyghtes & burgesses of the said court of parliament, haue, vse, & enioye. And in lykewyse shall and may take all and euery suche lyke liberties, aduauntages, dignities, priuiles, wages, fees, and commodities: concerninge this said court of parlyament, to all intentes constructions, and purposes, as any other the knyghtes and burgesses of the sayde court, shall, maye or ought to haue, take or enioye.

¶ And also where it is, and hath ben vsed within the saide countye Palatine, that vpon the suggestion of any person, that is or hath ben indebted to any other person or persons, commynge to the Escheker within the sayd countie Palatine. and there takynge a corporall othe, that he or they shall paye his or their creditours at suche tyme as he or they shall be able thereto the officers of the saied Escheker haue vsed without warraunt, to graunte out of the same Escheker a wryt in nature of a protection, wherby the sayde creditours haue ben and be greatly delayed, and in maner defrauded of their saide debtes, to the great impouerysheme and vndoyng of the said credytours. For reformacion wherof it may also please your saide hyghnes, that it be enacted, by thauctoritie afore saide, that no suche writ of course, without a speciall warraunt from your saide hyghnes, your heyres or successours, conteinyng any suche protection, be frō the first day of Octobre, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde. God M. CCCCC. xliii. graunted, But that all and euery suche writtes of course, after the saide daye to be graunted, to be voyde and of none effecte. Any custome vse or priuilege, to the contrary herof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for the certificat of conuyctes to be made in to the kynges benche. Cap. xiiii.

Where before this tyme diuers persōs haue ben endited, arrayned, and atteinted, & some of them clerkes conuict, and some of them clerkes atteinted, and some of them outlawed for murder burgularie, robberye, and other felonies, before Justices of the peace, Justices of gaole delyuerye, and Justices of oyer and determiner, within diuers cityes, countyes, franchises, and lybertyes within this realme. The recordes of whiche atteynders, vilawrie, and conuictions often and many tymes by neglygence of the clerke of the crowne, clerkes of peace, clerkes of assyse and suche other, as haue had the ordre, rule, kepynge, and gouernaunce of the same recordes, haue ben imbecyled, and not redy to be obiected againste suche persons, as haue bene newely arrayned before our soueraygne lorde the kynge in his benche, or before other the kynges Justices for lyke and suche other offences by them committed or done. And for that it hath not bene knowen certeinly, whyther to resorte for the same recordes, because they were not certifyed in to any place certayne. By reason whereof sometyme suche persons and lyke of-

fendours whiche haue ben newely arrayned, as is before sayde, haue had the benefitte of his or theyr clergye, where they ought not ne shulde haue had the same, yf the saide recordes had ben then presente in the same place, where suche personne or persons were so newely arrayned, or els certifyed, into some other place certayne, where the same recordes moughte haue bene sene, sente for, or wrytten, for to haue ben obiected agaynst such person or persons so newely arrayned. Wherby as welle the kynge our soueraygne lorde, as also all other persons, haue many tymes loste their exchetes and other aduauntages, and forfaitures, that they shoulde haue had by meane of the saide attaynders, to the great losses, bothe of our said lorde the kynge, and other persons, and also the same offendours haue had their clergye, where they ought not so to haue had, to the great boldnes and encouragynge of lyke offendours. In consideracion whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the Clerke of the Crowne, Clerke of the peace, and clerkes of assyse for the tyme beynge, where any suche atteynder, outlawry, or conuiction shall so be had, shall from the feaste of Pentecoste nexte commynge, not onely certifye a transcripte, bryeflye and in fewe wordes, conteinynge the tenoure and effecte of euery suche indytemente, outlawry, conuictyon, and clerke atteinted, before them so to be had, made, or pronounced, that is to saie, the name, suruame, and addicyon of euery suche personne and persons as shall be so endyted, and therupon outlawed, conuycted, or clerke atteynted, and the certayntye of the saide felony or other offence, wherupon he or they shall be so outelawed, conuicted, or clerke atteynted, and the daye and place of his outelawry, conuyction, and atteinder, and the daye and place, where and whan the saide felonye other offence, wherepon the sayde persone or persons shalbe so indycted, outlawed, conuycted, or clerke atteynted, shall be made and done, before the kynge our soueraygne lorde in his benche at Westmynster in the countye of Mydd, there to remayne of recorde for euer amonge other the kynges recordes there, within fourtye dayes nexte after any such atteynder, conuyction, or outlawrye shall be had, made or pronounced yf the terme be than, and yf not, than within twenty dayes nexte after the begynnynge of the terme next folowynge the saied fourtye dayes, but also shall deliuer a transcripte of euery suche inditemente, where upon the saide person and persons shall fortune hereafter so to be conuicted, or clerkes atteynted, to the ordinary, to whome the body of the sayde person or persons shall be committed, at the tyme that the sayde person or persons shall be so committed. The saide ordinary paiynge to euery suche clerke, as shall wryte the sayde transcrypt, for euerye coppye of suche indytement, twelue pens, for his paynes, upon payne, that euery clerke of the crowne, clerke of the peace, and clerke of assyse for the tyme beynge before whom suche inditement, atteynder, outlawry or conuictyon shalbe

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so had made pronounced or remayne for the non certificinge of euery suche recorde, and not deliueryng of the copy of such inditemētes to the saide ordinaries accordynge to this estatute, to lose & forfayte. xl. s. the one moytie therof to be to the kyng our souerayngne lord, & the other moytie to him that wyll sue for the same by action of dette bill information or otherwise in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, wherein no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And the clerke of the crowne, in the kynges benche, shall receyue the said certificates and transcriptes at such tyme as they shal be tendered & proffered vnto them by the saide clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the peace, and clerkes of assyse, or by theyr deputie or deputies, without takyng any thinge for the same, vpon peine of forfayture of the summe of. xl. s. for euery suche certificat by him refused.

¶ Prouided alwayes & be it further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde & if there be any more persons contcined and named in any suche inditement, other than suche person so attcinted, conuicted, or outlawed, that than such clecke of the crowne, clerke of assise, clerke of the peace, with whom the recorde of such attcynder, outlawrye, or conuiction shall remayne, shall within the tyme before in this acte limitted certifye the transcript of suche inditement outlawrie or conuiction onely concernynge suche persone or persons so indited and atteinded outlawed or conuicted, in to the kynges bench at westmynster as is beforesaied, whiche transcrypte so certified shall be had and taken as good, effectuall, and auaileable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes agaynste suche persone and persons, & agaynst whom it shalbe so obiected, alleged, or pleded, as if the very recorde therof, wherupon he or they were so indyted, were there present.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie afore sayed, that the saide clerke of the crowne in the kynges benche for the tyme beynge, shall at all suche tymes as the Justices of gaole deliuery, Justices of peace, in euery county within this realme of Englande do write vnto hym for the names of suche persones, whiche be so atteinted by outlawry, or clerkes atteinted or conuicte and certified in to the saide benche, of our sayde souerayngne lorde the kynge, shall incontinently without delaye certifye the sayde names and surnames of the sayde persones, with the causes why and wherefore they were conuyct or attcynted, vnto the Justices of gaole deliuery, or Justyces of peace, vpon the peyne & penaltie to forfayte for euery name of suche persons, which shall be so written for, and not certified by the sayd clerke of the crowne in the kynges benche to the saied Justices. xl. s.

¶ Prouided alwayes & be it further enacted, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteined, shall not extende to the clerkes of the croune, clerkes of the peace, clerkes of gaole deliuery, neyther to any of the Prenotaries with in the counties of Wales & Chester, or within the counties Palatines of Lancastre & Duresme, or any of them, to make any transcripte of any such atteinder, conuiction, or outlawrye of any person or persons conuicted, attcinded, or outlawed, before the kynges Justices of his countyes of

Wales nor Chester, or county of Lancastre, Duresme, or any of them, but that the same recordes shall and may remayne and be in the custody and keppynge of the saied clerkes and Prenocarpes, in such maner & wise as they are at this daye. This acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrarye not withstandyng.

An acte touching the Deane and chapiter of welles, to be one sole chapiter of it selfe. Cap. xv.

Where before this time the chapiter vnto the see & bisshoprike of Bathe and welles was the Deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of sainct Andrewe of welles in the countye of Somerset, & the late Prior and couent of the late Priorie or monasterye of the Apostelles sainte Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the said countie of Somerset: by reason whereof al feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any of the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thyng belongyng or appertainyng vnto the said see & bisshoprike, or wherof the bisshop of the said see of Bathe and welles for the tyme beynge, was seised in the right of the saide bisshoprike, or goyng out of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belongyng vnto the saied bisshoprike, which shulde be good or of effecte in the lawe, to bynde his successors, in succession after the death of the said bisshop of the saied bisshoprike for the tyme being graūtour lessour, or graūtor of any of the premysses, as is aforesayde, ought to be made in writynge by the same bisshop vnder his seale: and to be also by writyng sealed, as well with the common seale of the prior and couent for the time beynge of the said late Priorie or monasterye of Bathe, as also with the chapiter seale of the Deane and chapiter of welles for the tyme beyng ratified confirmed and assented vnto, whiche said priory or monasterye of Bathe diuers yeres now past, was & now is lawfully dissolued extincted and determined. And where as dyuers and sundrye gyftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, and other thynges haue ben made in writyng sithen the dissolution of the sayde late priorye or monasterye of Bathe, of and in parcell of the premisses, or goinge out, or to be perceyued or taken of and in the same, by the nowe bisshop of the said see, & bisshoprike. Whiche said gyftes feoffementes, grauntes, leasles, writynges and other thynges the sayde Deane and chapiter of welles, hath sith the makynge therof ratifyed and confirmed vnder theyr common seale, in due fourme after the law, And yet that not withstandinge there is and remayneth great doubte and question among diuers persons, whether the confirmation or assent of the saide Deane or chapiter of welles, had and made by writynge vnder theyr chapiter seale, sythens the dissolution of the saied late priorie or monasterye be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfecte and good the same gyftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, and other thinges heretofore made by

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the said now bisshop, to bynde him and his successours in succession or not: and also whether al giftes, feoffementes, graūtes, leases, writynges, dedes, actes, and other thynges hereafter lawfully to be made in writynge, by the said nowe bysshop, or any his successours, and sealed with the seale of the bysshop of the said see, or bysshoprike for the tyme beynge, and confyrmed ratified or assented vnto by the saied Deane and chapiter of welles, vnder or with their chapiter seale, shalbe good & auaileable in the lawe, to binde the saied bisshop of the saide see, or bisshoprike for the tyme beynge in succession. In consideration wherof, and to thintent to auoide all ambiguities doubtes and questions, that may growe, come, rise, or be in that behalfe: Be it enacted ordeyned and establysshed, by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, dedes, and actes, made in writing by the saied now bisshop of the sayde see or bisshoprike, vnder the seale of the same bisshop, sithen the dissolution of the saide late priorye, or monasterye, of Bathe, or at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the same late monasterye, And also all gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, dedes, writynges and actes hereafter to be made in wrytinge by the bisshop of Bathe and Welles for the tyme beynge, of any manours landes tenementes heredytamentes, offices, fees, or any other thynge belongynge to the sayd bisshoprike, or goyng out of the same, or in any wise touchynge or concernynge the same bysshoprike or see, and the same sealed by the said bysshop for the tyme being, & whiche at any tyme sythen the dissolution of the saied late monasterye, haue ben, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe ratified, confirmed, and assented vnto by the Deane and chapiter of welles for the tyme beyng, in wrytyng vnder their chapiter seale, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, to binde in succession, the successours of the saied bysshop for the tyme beynge, according to the tenours purportes, and effectes of the same gyftes feoffementes graūtes leases & other writynges dedes, and actes so made or hereafteer to be made in wrytynge: any lawe custome or vsage heretofore vsed or had to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the Deane and chapiter of welles aforsaid and their successour for the tyme beynge, shalbe from henceforth for euer excepted taken reputed and adiudged, to bee the full, entier and sole chapiter of the bisshoprike of Bathe and welles, & belongynge to the same bysshoprike, in full name, nature, and auctoritie, power, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same bisshoprike.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this act, or any thynge therin conteined, do not extende to binde any founder or giuour of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the saied see and bisshoprike, or ther vnto belonging, of for or concernynge all such actions and suites, as they or any of them may, shuld, or ought to haue, by reason of any alienation in fee symple

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or fee taile, hereafter to be made of any of the manours, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the said see and bishoprike, or of any parte therof.

¶ An acte for shireffes to be discharged vpon their accomptes, and to haue allowaunces for their reasonable expences, in the courte of Eschequer. Cap. xvi.

MOst humble wyse beseechen the kynges maieste his true & faithfull subiectes, the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, that where the shireffes for the moste parte of the counties within this his realme of England, stande and be charged and chargeable toward his highnes, by reason of their said offices of shirefwike, w̃ diuers auncient fermes annexed vnto the corps of the same counties, that is to saie, with one ferme demaũded of ỹ shireffe of euery of the said cõũties for the time being, in one hole sum vnder this title De vic. de rem. firm̃ com. post term. dat. which ferme did, and yet partly doth grow and accrue, as well of thissues & profyttes of suche landes and tenementes, as from the conquest vnto the. xi. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the first, did remayne in the handes of the kynges moste noble progenitors, & some of them doo yet also remayne in the handes of the kinges maieste, vnder the charge and custodie of the shireffes of the same counties for the tyme beyng, as parcell of the auncient demeanes and inheritaunces of the crowne of England, not graunted nor giuen away, as also of rentes of assise, rentes called cõmon fynes, shireffes aydes, & of other rentes certayne, belongyng to the same ferme. And the other ferme demaunded likewyse in an other hole summe, Videlicet de vic. de firmo pro proficuo com. which ferme dyd, and yet partly doth rise and growe of the perquisites and profittes of the courtes holden by the shireffes at the countie dayes, shireffes turnes, & hundredes, & of diuers other casualties and profyttes, yerely happenyng & fallynge, within the hundredes and wapentakes of the said seuerall counties, percel of the corps of the same counties of olde tyme annexed to the sayed crowne of Englande. And also stande & bee charged & chargeable by reason of their saide offices, with diuers summes of money demaunded of thẽ seuerally for the fermes of diuers purprestures, assertes sergeanties, & minute rentes, and other fermes exacted & demaunded of the shireffe vnder the title or name of the shireffe, as in the rolles, & Memorand of the kynges court of his Eschecker more plainely it may appere: whyche fermes & other summes of money before rehersed, be not, nor of longe tyme haue ben holy leuyed or gathered by any of the saied shireffes: but parte of them haue ben yerely loste & not collected, partly bicause the saide shireffes in tymes paste, haue forborne to aske or demaunde the same, or for to distreigne therfore: so that it is nowe not certeinly knowen what landes or persons shulde be charged or chargeable therwith. And partly bicause grete part of the landes and tenementes, hundredes & wapentakes, out wherof

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part of the rentes and profittes, belongynge to the saide seuerall fermes, bid issue and growe, haue ben guien by the kynges highnes, or his noble progenitours, to sundrye persons, discharged of the same rentes and profittes, and yet none allowaunce or deduction hath ben required nor made therof. And now of late diuers manours, landes tenementes, rentes, suites, seruices, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, & rapes, whiche were also chargeable, with certayne rentes, fermes and profittes, parcell of the said fermes before reherced, ben comen to the possession of the kynges maiestie, by the gifte graunt dissolution surrendre or attendre of diuers late monasteries or houses of religion, lately surrendred dissolued, or otherwyse comen to his maiesties handes: by occasion wherof the said rentes, fermes, & profittes, whiche vsed come and growe out of the same, ben now clerely extinguisshed & determined. By reason whereof the saied shireffes haue hertofore sustayned, and from henceforth ben lyke to sustayne moch more losse & damage in the saied fermes, & charges before reherced, vpō ꝑ determynation of their accomptes in the kynges court of his Escheker, then they were wont to do vnles some good remedye be therfore prouided for them in this behalfe. ¶ It may therfore please the kynges most excellent highnes, that it bee enacted, ordeined and establysshed by his maieste, with the aduise and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforth all and euery persone, which now is, or hereafter shalbe shireffe or shireffes of any counte, or counties accomptable or answerable in the saied Escheker, shall at his daye of prefection, immediately after he is sworne to accompt of the issues and profittes of his office of shirefwyke, and euery other person, whiche of late haue ben shireffe or shireffes of any of the sayd countis, and haue no tayle of rewarde, nor haue not yet determined his or their accompte, or otherwyse be discharged or pardoned therof, shall in the same terme, that he taketh his othe to accōpte, be sworne by hym selfe, or by his attorney or deputy sworne for him, when he shal answere before the lord treasourer, chamberleynes, chauncellour and barons of the said Escheker: or in the absence of the saide lord treasourer, chāberleines, or chaūcellour or of any of them, than before suche of the saide lorde treasourer, chamberleines chauncellour, and of the said barons, as then shall happen to be present in the said courte, to bryng in and delyuer into the sayde courte, rolles or cedules of parchment, conteining in them truely without omission or concelement, all such particular summes of money, whiche he hath leuyed, or lawefully mought haue leuied to his wittynge or knowledge within his bailiwyke, as part or parcell of the saide auncient fermes, and thother fermes before reherced. making expresse and distinct mension in the same rolles or cedules, as nye as he or they can or may, of what persō, & in what landes & tenemētes, & for what cause the same particular summes & euery of thē be leuied or leuable towarde ꝑ making ꝑ same ferme or any of them. And ꝑ after ꝑ same rolles or cedules so deliuered, & the ꝑticular summes of

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money in them contrined, appertaynyng to their proper fermes, rent and rated before the said lord treasourer, chamberlaynes, chancellour and barons, or before the said barons, in the absence of the said lorde treasourer, chamberlaines, or chauncellour for the tyme beynge, or any of them. The same lord treasourer, chamberlaynes, chauncellour, and the saied barons: or the said barons, in the absence of the saied lorde treasourer, chamberlaynes or chauncellour, or of any of them for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power & auctorite by this acte, to make allowaunce, exoneration, and deduction in the said open courte, from tyme to tyme by their discretions, to euery such person, in euery of the said fermes, of so muche money as the saied fermes shalbe more then the saied particulars, so apportioned and contayned in the said rolles or cedules, do amount vnto. And for trumpynge & recouering of suche parcels, belongynge to any of the said fermes, or other the premisses, omitted out of the said rolles or cedules, and for sauynge of other the kynges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, auowerable in the said Eschecker, whiche be now wrongfully withdrawen, and vniustly witholden from his possession: the lorde treasourer, chamberlaynes, chauncellour & barons of the said Eschecker, or the same barons, in the absence of the saied treasourer, chamberlaynes, and chauncellour, or of any of them, shall from tyme to tyme award suche processe, and vse suche conuenient wayes and meanes by commission or otherwyse, accordynge to the course of the saied Eschecker, and further as shall be deuised by their discretion: so that the kynge, his heires and successours may be truely answered of the issues and profyttes of the same, without other warrant to be pursued and obteyned for the premisses, or any parte therof: Any estatute, acte, ordenaunce, or vse hertofore to the contrary had made or vsed in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ And furthermore where diuers and sundrie summes of money ben respected to many persons, which haue ben shereffes of the saied counties before this tyme, vpon their accomptes, yelden in the kynges saied court of his Eschecker, of the foresaid fermes and other reuentues, vppon diuers petitions in the said courte, for so muche as they, ne any of them coulde, nor might leuie the same by vertue of the summons of the saied Eschequer, for suche causes as the same late shereffes haue alleged in their said petitions, as by the same peticions more plainely doth appere: be it therfore enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that all and euery the saied late shyrreffes, vpon their othes taken in the saied court, that the causes alleged in the same petition be true, and the same causes crampned in the same courte, accordyngly, be by vertue of this present acte clerely acquited & discharged agaynste the kynges maiestie, and his heyres and successours for euer, of all and euery suche summe and summes of money, so not leuied nor leuiable, put in respecte, as is before rehersed: And therupon suche like processe to be awarded by the said courte, and suche conuenyent wayes and meanes, by commission and otherwyse, to be had, accordynge to the course of the saied Eschecker, from tyme to tyme, as shall be deuised by the saied lorde treasourer

sourer, chamberleynes, chauncellour, and barons: or in the absence of the said lord treasourer, chamberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, by the said barons, & by as many of the said lorde treasourer, chamberleines & chauncellour, as then shall happen to be there then present, without other warrante or suite in that behalfe to be had. And for as muche as the shirefes of the said counties for the tyme beynge, shall susteyne, and suppoyte dyuers charges, by reason of their said office of shirefwyke, as in executyng the kynges writtes & summõs, & leuieng all summes of money conteyned in the extreates within their counties, & in cõmyng to the Eschequer, to make their profers and viewes of their accomptes, and make paiment of all that shalbe due vpon euery of their viewes and accomptes, and other dyuers costes and charges concernyng the same office of shirefwyke, without hauing from henceforth any taxe or taxes of reward, poyntage or other allowaunces towardes their said charges.

¶ And where also diuers of the said shirefes heretofore haue, vsed, at their owne coste, to beare yerely the charges of the expences of the kynges Justices of assises, Nisi prius, generall and speciall gaole delyuerye, & oyer determiner, and of their clerkes of assises and seruauntes at the same sessions at their cõmyng two tymes in the yere, durying such tyme as the sayde Justices remayne and serue the kynges highnes there, without haueynge heretofore any recompence or allowaunce for the same. And to the intente, that euery of the said shirefes, for the tyme beynge, may and shall hereafter be more able, diligently to serue the kynge in his or their said offices, without takyng any vnlaufull exactions of the kynges subiectes, & also better to make prouision for the said Justices, and their cõpany in their circuites, haueyng ayde of the kynge towardes their saide charges and expences: The kynges highnesse, of his liberalitye, in consyderacion of the same charges, so to be susteyned by the sayde shirefes, is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his highnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery of the sayde shirefes, comyng to his accomptes in the saide Eschequer, shewynge a byll subscribed with the handes of the saide Justices, or of such of them as shalbe present at the saied assises and sessions, makynge playne mention of the dayes and tyme, that the saied Justices did abide or remayne in the same countie at the costes of the saide shirefes, in or aboute the kynges sayde affaires and businesses, shall haue allowaunce as well hereof, as for other his saide reasonable costes, vpon his or their accomptes in the saied Escheker, by the discrecion of the sayde lord treasourer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons: & in the absence of the said lorde treasourer, chamberleynes, chauncellour or any of them, by the saied barons, & by as many of the sayde lord treasourer, chãberleynes & chãcellour, as then shal happen to be there present, by auctoritie of this present acte, without other warrante, or any further suite to bee had or made in this behalfe: so that all the allow-

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aunces for the costes aboue saide, to all the shireffes, doo not amounte in any one yere aboue the summe of. iii.C.xl.& two poūdes. vi.s̄.& viii.pens. This acte to continue & endure onely to thende of the next parliament.

¶ An act for the newe erected bishoppes to pay their tenthes in the court of first frutes. Capi. xvii.

Vuhere in the parliament begun & holden at London, the thirde day of Nouembre in the. xxi.yere of the reygne of our most drede soueraygne lorde kyng Henry the eyght, & from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntyll the dissolution therof: it was among other thynges establyshed & enacted, that the kinges maiestie, his heires & successours, for the augmentacion & mainteynaunce of the royall estate of his imperyall crowne & dignitie, of supreame head of the church of England, shulde yerely haue, take, enioye, & receiue, vnyted and knitte vnto his imperyall crowne for euer, one yerely rente or pencion, amountyng to the value of the tenth part of all the reuennues, rentes, fermes tithes offerynges, emolumētes, & of all other profittes, as well called spirituall as temporall, then apperteinyng or belongynge, or that afterwarde from thenseforth shuld belong to any archbishopricke, bysshopricke, abbacy, monastery, priorie, archdeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall church, personage, vycarage, chauntery, free chappell, or other benefyce or promotiō spiritual, of what name, nature, or quality so euer they were, within any dyoces of this realme, or in wales, the saide pencion or annuell rent, to be yerely paide for euer, to our saide soueraygne lorde, to his heires & successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of ꝑ Natiuitie of our lorde god, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thynges therein conteyned, more plainely is shewed and may appere. And where also at the parlyamēt, begonne at Westmynster, the. xxviii. day of Apryll, in the. xxxi. yere of our said soueraigne lorde the kinges most gracious reygne: & afterward continued by diuers and sundry prorogacions, vntyll the dissolution thereof, there was, by auctoritie of the said parliament, erected & establysshed a certaine courte, called the courte of the fyrste fruites and tenthe. And it was further enacted, by the auctoritie of the said parliament, that the saied fyrste fruites & tenthes, & all the reuenues & profittes therof, whiche than were or hereafter from thensforth shuld growe or be, by any maner of meanes, shulde be from thensforthe in the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd courte of fyrste fruite and tenthe, and mynisters of the same, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thynges therin conteyned, playnely appereth. Sythen the makynge of whiche saied acte, our soueraygne lorde, of his moost gracious & blessed disposition, by his most gracious seuerall letters patentes, hath made, erected, incorporate, and establysshed within this his realme, diuerse and sundry bysshops and sees of bysshoppes, that

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is to saie, Johñ now bysshop of Chester, Johñ now bysshop of Glouc̃ester, Johñ now bisshop of Peterborough, Paule nowe bisshop of Bristoll, & Robert nowe bishop of Orenford: and by the same his seueral and sundry letters patentes, hath sunderly and seuerally gyuen & graunted vnto the said bishops diuers and sundry manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, In whiche sayd seuerall letters patentes there ben reserued vnto his highnes, his heires and successours, certayne perely rentes and pencyons, amountyng to the tenth of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so seuerally gyuen to the said seuerall byshops, to be paied and payable perely in our said souerayn lord the kynges court of augmentatiõs of the reuenues of his croune, as in the said seuerall letters patentes more plainely appereth. And for as much as by the said former estatutes, the said bisshops ben compellable euery one of thẽ to pay the tenthes of his or their possessiõs, annexed to their seuerall bishoprykes, in our said souerayne lord the kynges court of first fruites and tenth, the saied bishops be and shall be double charged and chargeable, with the paimentes of the said rentes and pencions, reserued & to be paied, as is aboue said: for that that the paimentes therof in one of the sayde courtes, is no discharge in the other, contrary to the true intent & meanynge of the kynges highnes, and to the great hurt and decay of the saied bishops, and their successours, if spedy remedy be not therfore prouided. For reformation wherof be it enacted and ordeyned, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all the perely rentes tenthes and pencions, as is or be aboue rehersed, reserued in and by all & syngular the kynges highnes said seuerall letters patentes, made of any manors landes tenementes personages appropriate, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, sythen the .xxviii. day of Aprill, in the sayd .xxxi. yere of the raygne of our sayd souerayngne lorde, to any the sayde seuerall bishops, shall from the fyrste day of Maye next commynge, be in the rule gouernaunce and suruey of the said court of first fruites and tenth. And that all suche & the same rentes pencions & tenthes, shalbe from the saide first day of May, paiable and alwayes payed in the saide court of first frutes and tenthe, and not els where, nor in any other court or place: any thing rehersed in the said seueral letters patentes, or in any of them, or any acte statute or lawe had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid (that the said bishops nor their successours, ne any of them, shal at any tyme hereafter be empechd or sued in the said court of first fruites and tenth, of or for any tenth perely rent or pencion, reserued in or by any of the sayde seuerall letters patentes which now is, or before the said first day of May next commyng shalbe due vnto the kynges highnes. And that all and syngular proces & suites now had & pursued, or hereafter on this syde the said fyrst day of May to be had or sued out of the sayde courte of fyrst fruites and tenth, agaynst any of the said bisshops newely erected and made, as is aforesayd, of for or concernyng onely any perely rent pencion or tenthes, reserued vppon or by any of the

saide letters patentes, shall cease and be clerely voyde to all intentes and purposes.

¶ An acte for Canturburie concernynge the priuileges of the same. Capi.xviii.

WHere the citie of Canturbury is, & of auncient tyme hath ben a citie incorporat, and endowed with diuers and many ample priuileges and fraunchises, by dyuers and sundrye charters and grauntes heretofore made by the kynges noble progenitours, as well in the tyme of the prynce of famous memorye kynge Henry the. vi. as in the tyme of other his noble progenytours: wherby the same citie ought to haue vse and enioye all the saide lyberties priuileges and fraunchises, accordyng to the tenour force purporte and effecte of all suche of the sayde charters & grauntes heretofore graunted & made vnto the mayre & citesins of the saide citie, as remaine & stand yet in ful strēgth & force: yet diuers ambiguous questions & varietie in opinions of diuers persons learned in the law of the realme, be of late risen & growen, of the validitie purport & force of diuers articles cōteined in the said charters & grātes, bycause that some wordes cōprised in the same, seme to them obscure ambiguous & doubtfull where in dede the true intent & meaning therof, to the most part of men learned in the lawes of ȳ realme, doth ryght well appere, to be playne, by reson wherof not onely the good ciuile policie of the said citie is much decaid, but also the welthy occupyng, the populous inhabityng, & the beautifull building therof be like to come in great ruine depopulation & decay, not a litle to the extenuation of that part of this realme, as well in the eies of al strangers, as in the eies of such great personages as shal happen to haue repair to the kynges maiestie in ambassade & otherwyse. In consideration wherof be it enacted, by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that the maire and aldermen, or the more parte of them, of the said citie, and their successors, by suche name or names as they be incorporate, shal haue vse and enioy all such liberties franchises & priuileges, within the limittes precinct & iurisdiction of the said citie, which they or their predecessours maires & aldermen of the same citie, haue had to the graunted by the kynges highnes, or any of his noble progenytours, by his or their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England, now remaining in full strength & force, accordyng to the true purport and effect of the same letters patentes and grauntes heretofore had and made vnto the saide mayre and aldermen of the saide citie, as is aforesaide, notwithstandyng they haue nat ben of late tyme vsed nor put in execution accordingly.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person and persons, citesens & inhabityng within the said citie or liberties, or the precinct therof to take a prentise or prentises, by indentures

indentures interchangeable, sealed with the seales of suche parties, for the terme of, viii. yeres or lesse, as bothe the parties can agre, albeit such appren tise or apprentises be within the age of .xxi. yeres: and that the same indentures of apprentisehode, shall comprehende like couenauntes, and be made writen and enrolled, in like maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed in suche cases within the citie of London: and the same indentures, comprisyng suche couenauntes, made writen and enrolled as is aforesaid, shalbe from henseforth good and effectual in the law, agaynst euery such apprentise, to al intentes constructions and purposes: the minorite of such apprentises, the statute made in the. viii. yere of the noble prince kyng Henry the fourth, concernyng apprentises, or any other statute law custome or vsage, concernyng takyng of apprentises, to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, beyng forreines, and not beyng free citezens of the said citie of Canturbury, shall not from henseforth, contrary to the libertie and grauntes, heretofore had and made vnto the maire and aldermen of the said citie, bye or sell any maner of marchandise, to or with any maner of person or persons forreines, and not beyng free citesens of the said citie, nor kepe any open shoppe, nor vse any misterp or handy craft, within the same citie liberties and precyncte therof, without the speciall licence of the saied maire and aldermen, or the more part of them, in writyng vnder their seale, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery such offence, to the saied maire and aldermen, to the vse of the saied citie. vi. s. viii. d. of lawfull money of England. And that the mayre and aldermen of the same citie, & their successours for the time beynge, from time to tyme, shall haue power and auctorite, to demaunde and aske, agaynste euery suche offendour, in the court hall of the saied citie, by action or plaint of det, the said forfaitures, or at they? liberties shall take leute and percepue by distresse the said penalties or forfaitures, to the vse of the saied citie by and according to the course of the common lawe.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this, act nor any thyng therin conteyned, shall extende or be preiudiciall to the kynges maieste, his heires or successours, but that it shalbe laufull to our said souereigne lorde his heires and successours from time to tyme, to seise or resume any of the saied franchises liberties or priuileges, heretofore granted by any of his progenitours, and confyrmed by this present acte, for any sufficient cause of forfaiture by the lawe of this realme: any clause or article in this act conteyned to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this act, or any thing therin contemed, shall not in any wise extend to the palayce of the most reuerend father in god, Thomas now archbisshop of Canturbury, or to the hamlette of Staplegate, or to the scite and precinct of the cathedrall and metropolitane churth of Christe in Canturbury aforesaid, nor to any other place what soeuer, immediately before the makynge of this acte, beynge out of the lybertie of the sayde citie of Canturbury: Nor in any wyse shall be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the

said archbishoppe, or any of his successours: or to the deane & chapiter of the said cathedral and metropolitane church of Christ in Canturbury or to any of their successours, any thyng in the same act not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this act, nor any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to any boucher fishemonger or any other person what so euer, inhabiting out of the libertie of the said citie of Canturbury, for or concernynge the sellyng or byeng of any maner of flesh fysh or other vitaile, in the same citie, or precinct of the same, or the suburbs of the same: but that all maner of vitaile may for euer be freely bought and solde, in the said cytie precinct and suburbes of the same, as though this act had neuer ben made, any thing in the same to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for the payment of pencions and portions graunted out of the late abbaies. Cap. xix.

Where the archbishops bishops archedeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, of both prouinces of Canturburye and Yorke within this realme of Englande, haue heretofore in the right of their churches had and receiued out of the late monasteries abbathyes priories nunries colleges hospytals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, now dissolued, and out of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes belongyng to the same, diuers pencions, portions, corrodies, indemnities, synodies procies & other profyttes. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the .xx. viii. day of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lorde Henry the eight, by the grace of god king of England Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the fayth, & of the church of England and also of Ireland the supreme head, it was ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritee of the same parlyament, that as wel the said late monasteries abbathies priories nunries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, with the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes & other profittes, belongyng vnto the same late monasteries abbathies priories and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, as then were or then hereafter shulde come vnto the kynges highnes hādes, shulde be vested demed and adiudged in the actuall and real possession and season of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours. Sauyng to al and euery person and persons, and bodies politike, and their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of all and euery of them (other then the late abbotes priours abbesses priorelles and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the said late monasteries abbathies priories nunries colledges hospitalles houses of fryers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, and such as pretēd to be founders patrones or donours of suche monasteries abbathyes priories nunries

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ries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes belongyng to the same, or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patron or donor, and the then abbottes, priours abbesses prioresses and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries abbathyes, priories nunries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which then herafter shuld happen to be dyssolued suppressed renounced relynquished forfayted gyuen vp, or commen to the kinges highnes, and such as pretend to be founders, patrones, or donours, of such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colledges, hospytalles, houses of friers and other ecclesiastical houses & places, or of any manours messuages landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the same belongynge, or to any of them their heires and successours, and the heyres & successours of euery of them, al suche right, title, claime, interest, possession, rentes, charges, annuities, leasses, fermes, offices, fees, liuerys, lynynges porcions, pencions, corrodies, commons, synodies, priories, and other profyttes, which they or any of them haue clayme, ought, may or myghte haue had in or to the premisses, or to any part or parcel therof, in such lyke maner fourme and condicion, to al intentis, respectes, constructions and purposes, as if the same act had neuer ben had ne made (rentes seruices, rentes secke, & all other seruices & suites onely except) as by the same acte amonges diuers other thinges therin conteined more playnely is shewed and may appere. And yet not withstandynge the said generall saluing, conteyned in the saied act, the said archebishops, bishops, archedeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, of bothe the saied prouinces, of Cantuebury and Yorke, be, and sithen the makynge of the saied acte haue ben disturbed and denied of the hauyng, receiuynge, or gatherynge of the saide pencions, porcions, corrodies, indemnities, synodies, and priories, with other profittes belongynge vnto them, by diuerse of the fermours and occupiers of great part and parcell of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the saied late monasteryes, and other ecclesiastical houses and places, or beyng parcell of the possessions of the, and haue no direct meane to obteine recouer or come to the same, not onely to their great hurt & domages, but also like to grow & be to the great losse & dishertison of the kynges maiestie concernyng his first frutes & tenth. For reformacion wherof be it ordeined established & enacted by the kynges highnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, beyng fermour or occupier of any manours landes tenementes personages benefices or other hereditamentes, of any of the said late monasteries or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or belongyng to them or any of them, by the kynges highnes gifte graunte sale exchaung or otherwyse, out of whiche premisses any suche porcions pencions corrodies indempnities synodies or priories, or any other profyttes, haue ben hereto-

fore lawfully goynge out, answered or payde to any of the archebishoppes bysshops archedeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons aboue sayde, do at any tyme after the fyrste day of Aprill next commynge, wilfully denye the payment therof, at the dayes of payment heretofore accustomed, of any of the saied pentions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies priories, or any other profittes, wherof the saide archbishops bishops archdeacons or other ecclesiasticall persons were in possession, at or within ten yeres nexte before the tyme of the dissoluction of any suche monasteries, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places: that than it shalbe laufull for the same archebishops bishops archdeacons or other ecclesiasticall persons aforesaid, beyng so denied to be satisfied and paid therof, and hauyng right to the same thynge in demaunde, to make suche proces, as wel against euery such person and persons, as shal so deny patement of the same pencions portions corrodies priories indemnities sinodies, or any other profites, which of ryght ought to be paied, as is aforesaid, as agaynst the churche or churches charged with the same, as heretofore they haue lawfully done, and as by & accordynge to the lawes & statutes of this realme they may nowe laufully do, for the true patment and recouery therof. And if the partie defendant be laufully conuict in any such suite cause or matter, accordyng to the ecclesiasticall lawes: thã the partie plaintiffe shal haue & recouer against the partie defendant the thing in demaund, and the value therof in damages, with his costes for his suite.

¶ And be it further ordened and enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that yf it fortune the cause or matter of variãce betwene any of the saied parties be determinable at the common law; that then the partie greued to sue for his recouery and remedy therin at the comon law. And if the partie defendante fortune to be by the course of the common law lawfully condempned to the partie plaintiffe, than the said partie playntyffe shall lykewise haue and recouer againste the partie defendaunt the thing in demaunde, and the value therof in domages, with his costes for his suite.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore said, that all & singular suche of the said archebysshops bysshops archedeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, which haue right or title to claime demaund or inioy any of the saied pencions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies or priories, agaynst any person or persons, to whom the kynge hath made or hereafter shal make in writyng vnder seale, any sale gift graunt or lease for terme of lyfe or lyues or yeres, or any of the sayd manours landes tenementes personages benefices & other hereditamentes, charged or chargeable to or with any of the saied pentions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies or priories and also hath couenaunted graunted promised or agreed, or hereafter shall couenaunt graunt promise or agree, by the said writyng, to acquite discharg or saue harmeles the same person or persons of all pencions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies & priories, goynge out of the premisses or any parcel therof, as be or shalbe mencioned in the same writynges or any of the, shal sue for their remedy and recouery therof in the court of the augmentacions

tions of the reuenues of the kynges croune, and not elswhere: And that the party defendaunt hauynge any suche discharg, beyng conuented called or sued in any other court or place, or before any other iuge, for any the causes abouesaid, shalbe discharged & dismissed out of the same court or place, without any thing payyng for the same, by thonely shewing forth any of the said writynges, sealed vnder any of the kynges seales, prouing or declaring the kyng to haue couenaunted promised or agreed to acquite discharge or saue harmelesse the said party defendaunt therof, as is aforesaid. Any thyng conteined in this act to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An act to embarre feined recoueryes of landes, wherin the kinges maiestie is in reuertion. Cap. xx.

Where diuers of the kynges moste noble progenitours, and specially the kynge our soueraygne lorde, moste liberally aboue al other, hath gyuen and graunted, or otherwise prouided to his and their louing and good seruaunces and subiectes, as well nobles as other, manours meases landes tenementes rentes seruyces and hereditamentes to them and to their heyres males of their bodies, or to the heires of their bodies lawfully begotten, myndyng at the tyme of suche giftes not onely to preferre and aduaunce presently the donees, but also theyr heires in bloud of their bodies, accordyng to the limitacion of the saide gyftes: to thentente that recompence for ẏ seruice of suche donees, shoulde not onely be a benefite for their owne persons, but a continuall profite and commoditie to and for their heires comynge of their bodies, wherby such heires shulde haue in speciall memory and daily remembraunce, the profitte that they haue and take by the seruice of their auncestours done to the kynges of this realme, and therby be ẏ better encouraged to do like seruice to theyr soueraygne lorde, as to their duetyes of allegiaunce appertemeth. And for as much as sundry such donees in tayle, and their heires haue suffered and daiely suffre by their consentes, vntrue and feined recoueryes to be had agaynst them, with common voucher or other wise, of manours meases landes tenementes or heredytamentes, so gyuen graunted or prouided in taile by the kynges maiestie, or his noble progenitours, as is aforesayde, to the entente by fraude couin and vndue meanes not onely to bynde and defete their heires inheritable by the limitacion of suche gyftes, but also the kynge of his prerogatiue, wardship, primer season, and other his ryghtes, whereby questions and diuersities of opinion haue risen and yet be: whether suche feined and vntrue recoueries against suche tenauntes in taile, by their own consentes, of landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the reuertion or remaindre is in the kynge at the tyme of such recouerye or recoueries had, shuld after the death of the tenaunt in taile bynde the heires in taile or not. For playne declaration wherof, and to auoide and extincte from hensforthe diuersities of opinions in suche cases, Be it ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of

tie of this p̄sent parliament, that no suche feyned recouery, hereafter to be had by assent of parties against any such tenaunt or tenauntes in tayle, of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the reuertion or remaynder at the tyme of such recouery had, shalbe in the king, shal bind or cõclude the heires in tayle, whether any condition boucher be had in any such feined recouery or not, but that after ꝑ death of euery such tenant in taile, against who any such recouerie shalbe had, the heires in taile mai entre haue and enioy the landes tenementes and hereditamentes so recouered, accordyng to ꝑ fourme of the gyfte of entaile: the said recouery or any other thyng or thynges herafter to be had done or suffred by or against any such tenant in taile to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the heyres of euery suche tenaunt in taile, against whom any such feyned recouery shal be had, shal take none aduantage for any recompence in value against the boucher, or his heires.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte nor any thynge therin conteined, be in any wise p̄iudiciall or hurtfull to the lessee or lessees of any such tenaunt in tayle, made or to be made by writynge indented, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes for terme of .xxi. yeres, thre lyues, or vnder, wherupon the accustomable rente and reutes or more, is or shall be reserued, yerely during the said terme and termes: but the same lessee and lessees, shall and may haue and enioy his or their terme and termes therin against the heire and heires of euery such tenaunt in taile, according to the tenour purporte and effect of the statute made in the .xxxii. yere of the reygne of our souerayngne lord king Henry the .viii. any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ An act for the confirmacion of letters patentes not withstandyng mistnampyng of any thing conteined in the same. Cap. xxi.

Where the kinges moost excellent highnes, sithen the fourthe day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his maiesties reigne, hath obteined and purchased, as well by exchaunges, as by gyftes bargaines fines feoffementes, recoueries, dedes enrolled, and otherwise, of diuers & sundry persons, many sundry & diuers honors castels manors landes tenemẽtis medowes pastures wodes rentes reuercions seruices & other hereditamentes, & hath not only paied diuers and sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath gyuen and graunted for and in consideracion therof, vnto dyuers personnes late owners therof, diuerse and sundry manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompences, in and for ful satisfaction of al such honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices & other his hereditamentes by his highnes obteined purchased or had as is aboueslaide. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie of this

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present ꝑliament ẏ our said souerayne lord the king. his heires & successors shall haue hold possede and enioy all and singular the same honors castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche his hyghnes, sith the sayd fourth day of February, in the. xxvii. yere abouesaid, hath obteined and had, or at any time during the space of. vii. yeres next ensuing the makyng of this present act, shall obteine purchase or haue, by waye of exchaunge bargayne purchase or other what so euer meane or meanes, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of his highnes bargaine exchange or purchas therin. misrecitall misnamyng, or non recitall, or not naming of any of the said honors castels manors landes tenites & other hereditamētes or of the true names or certeinties of them or any of them comprised or mencioned in the bargains or writinges made betwene the kinges highnes and any other partie or parties, or of any parte or parcell therof, or of any of the townes or counties, where the said honours castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lye and ben, any other matter or cause what so euer it be, in any wyse not withstandyng: Sauyng to all and euery person and persons, and to theyr heires, bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours and to euery of them, other than suche person and persons and theyr heires, and their wiues, and the wyues of euery of them, bodyes politike and corporate, and their successours and euery of them, of whome the kynges hyghnesse hath obteined by exchaunge, gyfte, bargayne, fyne, feoffement, recouery, dede enrolled, or otherwyse, or at any tyme hereafter durynge the said. vii. yeres next commynge, shall obteine purchase or haue any such honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as is aforesaid, al such right title vse interest possession rentes charges annuities comodities fees and other profittes rentes seruices and rentes seckes onely except whiche they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had, in or to the premisses so obteyned and had in or to any parcel therof, in as ample and large maner forme and condicion, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: This present act, or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary not withstandyng

¶ And where also our said soueraigne lord the king, sithen the saied fourth day of February, in the sayde. xxvii. yere of his maiesties reygne, as wel vpon diuerse and sundry good consideracions, his maiestie specyally mouyng, as also otherwyse, hath bargained sold exchaunged, giuen and granted by his graces seuerall letters patentes, indentures or other writynges sealed vnder his highnes great seale of England, the seale of his duchy of Lancastre, and the seale of offyce of the courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politike and corporate, as to diuers and sundry other of his louing and obedient subiectes diuers and sundry honours castels manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices personages appropriated aduousons tithes oblations pencions portions fraunchises priuileges liberties offices and other hereditamentes commodities & profites, in fee

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symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentes indentures and other writings is mencioned and declared. And where also the kynges maiestie heretofore sithen the said fourthe day of February, by his seuerall letters patentes, sealed vnder the said great seale of Englande or otherwyse, of his accustomable goodnesse, hath newely erected ordeyned and made diuers bisshops deanes and chapiters colleges and other bodies politike and corporate, & hath bi his seuerall letters patentes, sealed vnder the said great seale of Englande, gyuen and graunted as wel vnto them, as to diuers other bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours, by suche name or names as they then were be or nowe stande corporate, diuers manours landes tenementes personages tithes pencions portions aduousons nominations presentations and other hereditamentes and suche or like libertyes and iurisdictions in the same manors landes and tenementes mencioned in any of the same letters patentes, as he to whom any such letters patentes were or be made or granted, or his predecessours before had or enioyed in the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes departed or appoynted to the kyng, or suche as any the late abotte or priour of any the late monasteries or priories, or other person or persons what so euer or any of them mencioned in any of the said letters patentes, laufully had exercised vsed or enioted within the said castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any of the sayd letters patentes, in anoydyng disturbyng hurtyng or hindering of diuers of the sayde seuerall letters patentes, indentures, and other writynges, and of the manours, landes tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thynges in them conteyned, sundry and many ambiguities doubtes and questions haue or might hereafter happen to be moued obiected alleged inuented, procured, or stirred, as wel for misnampng, misrecital, or non recital of any of the same honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies priories, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, or for lacke of findyng of offices or inquisitions of & in the premisses, wherby the tytle of the kynges highnes therin ought to haue ben founde, before the makyng of the same letters patentes, or other writynges, or for misrecitall, or non recital of leasses therof before made, as well of recorde as not of record, or for lacke of the certaintie, miscasting, rayng, or settynge forthe of the verely values & rates of the premisses, or of the verely rentes reserued of & for the premysses, or any parcel therof, mencioned or conteyned in any the sayd letters patentes or other writynges, or for that the premisses be, or any part therof is valued to a more or lesse valu in the said letters patentes or writynges, than the said manours landes tenites and other the premisses than wer or shalbe in verely value: or for misnampng of the townes hamlettes parishes or cotties, where the same honours castels manors monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes hereditamentes & other the premisses, and euery parcell therof, or any parcell therof, lyen or ben: or for lacke of the true nampng of the natures kyndes sortes or quantities of

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the said possessions or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof: or for lacke of the true nampng of the corporation of the same: or for lacke of attornement liuery or season, or for misnampnge of any the late tenauntes or fermours of the same so solde gyuen or exchaunged. For remedy and reformacion wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynges most excellente highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that as welle all and euery the said letters patentes indentures and other writinges and euery of them sealed, with or vnder the seale or seales aboue saide, or any of them, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sithen the saide fourth date of Februarye, in the sayde .xxvii. yere of his moste noble reygne, as also all and singular his graces letters patentes indentures and other writynges hereafter durynge the space of .vii. yeres nexte ensuynge the makyng of this presente acte, to be had made or graunted with or vnder any of the seales aboue saide, to any bodye politike or corporate, or to any other personne or personnes, of any honours castelles manours monasteryes abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of frieres or of other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places sites circuites precinctes landes tenementes personages tithes pencions porcions aduousons nominacions presentacions franchises libertes and other hereditamentes commodities possessiõs and profites, of what kinde nature or qualitie so euer they or any of thé be, is or shalbe, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be is or shalbe named knowen or reputed, shal stand and be good effectual & auayllable in the lawe to all intentes respectes constructions & purposes against his maiestie, his heires and successours, without any confirmacion lycence dispensacion or tolleracion of the kynges highnes his heires or successours or of any other person or persons what so euer, any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteyned, or herafter durynge the saied seuen yeres, to be conteined in any suche letters patentes indentures or other writynges to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all & singular suche letters patentes, whiche at any tyme here tofore, sythen the xxviii. day of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of our said soueraygne lordes raygne, haue ben granted or made, or herafter shalbe made by the kynges highnes to any person or persons, of any office of keppyng of any castell, blockehouse parke, chase, forest, or keppynge of any manour or mansion place, house or houses, with an annuall fee or other perely profites for the exercisyng of the same, and after the said castell blockhouse, manour, mancion place, house or houses, parke, chase, or forest, happen to be fallen downe, departed, disforested or destroyed, so that the cause of the exercisyng of suche office is determined: that than the letters patentes of graunte of the same office & offices, with the fee & fees or other profites for the exercisyng of the same, shall be from thenceforthe clerely determyned, & stand and remayne as voyde for euer: Any thyng in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

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¶ An act for the due execucion of proclamacions. Cap. xxiii.

WHere in the parliament holden at westm. the. xxviii. day of Apryll, in the.xxxi.yere of the kynges most gracious reygne that nowe is, & there continued tyll the. xxviii. day of June then nexte ensuyng, It was enacted emonges other thynges by the kynges maiestee, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in the saied parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same parliament, that the kynge, for the tyme beyng, with thaduise of his honorable counsaile, whose names bee mencioned in the same act, or with thadupse of the more part of them, myght set forth at all tymes, by the auctoritee of the same acte, his proclamacions, vnder such penaltees and peines, and of suche sort, as to his hyghnes and his saied honorable counsaile, or the more parte of them, shuld seme necessary and requisite: and that the same shulde be obeyed observed and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parlyament, for the tyme in theym ymptted, onelesse the kyng dispence with them or any of them vnder his grete seale. And it was then further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer he or they be, whiche at any tyme from thensefoorth, dyd wilfully offende and breake, or obstinately not observe and kepe any suche proclamacion, or any article therin contemned, which shuld procede from the kynges maiestee by the aduise of his counsaile, as is aforesayde: that then all and euery suche offendour or offendours, beyng therof within one haile yere next after their or his offence committed, accused, and therof within. xviii. monethes next after the same convicted, by confession or lawfull witnesse and proofes, before the archebishop of Canturbury, metropolitane, the chauncellour of Englande, the lord Treasorour of England, the president of the kynges moste honourable counsaile, the lord priue seale, the great Chamberleyne of Englande, the lorde admirall, the lorde Stewarde or graund maister, the lorde Chamberleyne of the kynges most honorable housholde, two other bishoppes, beyng of the kynges counsaile, such as his grace shulde appoynt for the same, the Secretary, the Tresourer, and the comptroller of the kynges moste honorable household, the maister of the horses, the two chief Judges, and the maister of the rolles for the tyme beynge, the chauncellour of thaugmentacions, the chancellour of the Duchy, the chiefe baron of the eschequier, the two generall surueiours, the chauncellour of the eschequier, the vnder tresourer of the same, the treasourer of the kynges chaumbre for the tyme beynge, in the sterre chaumber at westmynster or els where, or at the least before the haile of the numbre afore rehersed. Of which number the lord chancellour, the lorde treasourer, the lorde president of the kynges most honorable counsaile, the lorde priuy seale, the chaumberlayne of Englande, the lorde admirall, the two chiefe iudges for the tyme beynge, or two of theym shall be two, shall lose and paie suche penaltees, forfaytures of summes of

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money, to be leuyed of his or their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kynges vse, and also suffer suche imprisonment of his body, as shuld be expressed mencioned and declared, in any suche proclamacion or proclamacions, which suche offendour or offendours shall offende and breake or not obserue and kepe, contrary to the saied acte, as is aforesaied, as by the same acte more at large it maie and dothe appere. Sithens the makyng of which saied acte, the kynges highnes, with the aduise of his saied counsaile, and accordyng to the tenour and purport of the same act, hath for the welth profitte and commoditee of this his realme, caused diuers good and godly proclamacions to be made, whiche diuers euill disposed persons haue wylfully and obstinately broken and not obserued or kepte, and therevpon diuers and sundrie informacions haue ben geuen and had for the kynge agaynst the same offendours, before the saied honorable counsaile mencioned in the saied acte, according to the tenour and effecte of the same acte, and the same informacions, after issue ioyned, and witnesses publysshed, haue taken no effecte ende or perfecte determination, within the tyme lymitted by the same act, for and in defaute that there hath not ben presente so many of the kinges saied moost honourable counsaile, as be limitted and appointed by the same acte, and so therby offendours haue ben and be lyke hereafter to bee vnpunisshed, to the great encouragynge of all suche lyke offendours. Wherfore be it now enacted and ordeyned, by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that all and euery iudgemēt, sentence, or decree, herafter to be had taken made or geuen against any person or persons, in or vpon any informacion suite or plaint concernyng any offence or offences, done or committed, or hereafter to be done or committed against the tenour purporte or effecte of any suche proclamacion or proclamacions hertofore set forthe had made and proclaymed or herafter to be set forthe had made and proclaimed according to the true intente and meanyng of the saied former acte, shall or may be geuen had and made by the saied counsel or any numbre of them, so there be then present the ful numbre of. ix. persons of the said counsel, whereof the lorde Chauncellour, the lord Tresourer, the lord President of the kynges most honourable counsayle, the lord Priuy seale, the Chamberleyne of Englande, the lorde Admiral, the two chiefe iudges for the tyme beynge, or two of them at the least shalbe two. And that the same iudgement sentēce or decree so had made or geuen, as is aforesaid, shal by the auctoritee aforesaid, be and stande good & auailable in the lawe, and of like force and effect in all and euery thyng and thynges conteined or mencioned in the saied former act, to al intentes construction and purposes, as if the same iudgemēt or decree were geuen or made by the numbre of the saied counsaile, appointed by the said former act: any clause sentence article or matter in the same former act conteigned to the contrary herof not withstandyng. This act to endure during the kynges maiestees lyfe, whiche our lorde longe preserue.

¶ An act for the assurance of certeine landes to John Hynde serieant at lawe and to his heires, paying therfore yerely .x.li. towardes the charges of the knightes of Cambridge shire for the tyme beyng. Cap.xxxiii.

WHere certayne persons, were infeoffed of and in the manour of Burlewas, otherwise called the shire manour of the countee of Cambridge, lyyng and beyng in Waddingley in the said countee, and of and in two hundred acres of lande, one hundred acres of medowe, one hundrede acres of pasture, with thappurtenaunces in Waddingley aforesayd in the same countee, beyng in the hole of the yerely value of tenne poundes, and so letten to ferme at this day, to the vse and intent, that the profittes therof shuld yerely be receiued and taken for and towardes the payment of the fees & wages of the knyghtes of the same countee of Cambridge, being chosen for the parliament within the same coũtee, at such time & times, as it shuld please the kynges moste royall maiestee, his heires or successours, to call his or theyr hygh courte of parliament, wherby the inhabitauntes within the saied countee of Cambridge herto fore haue ben clerely discharged for and concernynge the paiement of the knightes wages for the parliament. And for the sure and more perfect continuaunce therof, and that the yerely value of the same manour and other the premisses, may be from hensforthe conuerted to the same vse and purpose, and also to the intent that it may be perfectely knowen, what person herafter shall be tenaunt of the premisses, and charged to aunswere and pay the said yerely ferme or rent of ten poundes yerely for the same, and what persons shall likewise receiue the saied rent to the vses and intentes aforesaied: all the gentil men of the saied countee of Cambridge, as well for them selues as for the hole inhabitauntes of the same countee, most humble desire the kyngs most excellent highnes, that it may be enacted, by his most royall maiestee, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that Johñ Hynde, one of the kynges sergeantes at lawe and his heires, shall from hensforthe haue holde and enioy to hym his heires and assygnes for euer, to the only and proper vse of the saied Johñ Hynd, & his heires, the saied manour landes tenementes & all other ꝑ premisses before rehersed, and euery parcel of the same, vnder the condicions folowing: that is to say, that the saied Johñ Hynde his heires & assignes for euer, shall yelde and pay yerely for the same premisses, and at the feast of saint Michael tharcangel ten poundes sterling, to such persons and their successours, as shall be by this present act incorporated and enhabled to receiue the same.

¶ And also that it may be further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that Edward Northe knight, shiresse of the said shire, and Thomas Rudstone, esquier, knightes of the said shire of Cambridge for this present parliament shall be one body incorporate, and that they and their successours, knyghtes

tes of the said countee of Cambridge for the tyme beyng, and the shireke of the saied countee also for the tyme beyng, shall by this present act bee encorporated by the name of wardeyns of the fees and wages of the knyghtes of the shire of Cambridge, chosen for the parliament, and shall haue perpetuall succession for euer in the same, and shall implease and be impleased by the saied name. which knyghtes of the shire for the tyme beynge, and after the parliament dissolued, as long as they shalbe inuyng, vntill other knightes of the said shire shalbe chosen for the parliament next ensuing, shal haue and perceiue the said yerely rent of. £. li. and conuert the same to their owne proper vses by equal porcions towardes the maintenaūce of their charges. And whan any one of the saied knightes of ℈ for the saied shire chosen shall dye: Than the surueiour immediately from time to time shal haue and perceiue the saied yerely rent of. £. li. to his owne sole and proper vse, vntill the time that newe knyghtes of the saied shire shalbe elected for the parliament who immediately after their election shall haue and perceiue the saied yerely rent of. £. li. And if bothe the said knyghtes of the said shire shall happen to dye, than the shireke of the said shire yerely for the tyme beyng, shal haue and perceiue the saied yerely rent of. £. li. to his owne onely vse, and so to continue vnto the time that other knyghtes of the said shire, shall be chosen for the parliament than next folowyng, as is aforesaied, and so to continue after the saied rate for euer.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if it shall fortune the saied yerely rent of. £. li. or any parte therof to be behynde vnpaied, if any of the wardeines aforesaied, or any of their seruauntes or assignes demaund the same, in the name or names of any of the said wardeines, at any tyme after the saied day of payment expired as is aforesaied, Than it shall be laufull to and for the said wardeines to recouer the said rent by action of debte at the cōmon lawe, againste the owners fermours tenauntes and occupiers of the same, or any of them, or elles at their pleasures to distreine for the said yerely rent of. £. li. ℈ the arrerages of the same, in the saied manour and all other manours, meases landes tenementes and other hereditamentes what so euer, of the saied John Hynde, his heyres and assignes in Wadoingley aforesaied, which said manours landes and tenementes shall be alwayes chargeable to the distresse of the said wardeins for the tyme beyng, for none payment of the saied yerely rente, and the arrerages of the same. And that it shall be lefull for them, the same distresses with theim to retreyne, vnto the tyme that the saied yerely rent of. £. li. togither with the arrerages and costes of the same, vnto the said wardeins for the tyme beyng, as their tourne shall come to haue the profittes of the same, shalbe well and truely contented and paied. And if it shall fortune the saied yerely rente of £. li. or any part therof to be vnpayed by the space of three monethes nexte after the day of paymente therof, as aforesayde: then it shall be lefull to and for the sayde wardeines for the tyme beynge, theyr seruauntes and assygnes or any of them, in to the said manour landes ℈ tenementes in Wad-

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dyngley aforesaied, by what so euer name or names the same be knowen or called, to entre, and the same and the profittes therof continually to reteyne to their owne sole proper vses, vnto the tyme that the said perely rent, together with the arrerages therof (yf any shall be) vnto the sayde wardeynes shall be well and truely contented and payde, by the said Iohn Hynde his heyres and assygnes or one of them as aforesaied: and so from time to tyme whan any suche chaunce shall happen, without any veracion, suite, or trouble of the tenaũtes, fermours, owners, or occupiers of the same, the said wardeyns shall enter and haue & enioy the said manour of Burlewas landes and tenemẽtes aforesaied, as afore is declared. Any thing in this present act conteigned to the contrary herof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by thauctorite aforesaied, yf it shall happen that the said manours landes and tenementes or any part thereof to come to the kynges handes, his heyres and successours, by wardeshyppe, primer seasen, eschete, or otherwyse, that not withstandynge the said rent shall be perely payed vnto the said wardeynes for the tyme beynge, to the vses and intentes aforesaied, and by the auctorite of this present acte all receyuours bailiffes and other ministers to the kynges highnes, his heires & successours and euery of them, shal haue sufficient warrant to paie the sayd rent as aforesaid, and to be allowed of the payment of the same by vertue of this present act, without any other warrant from the kynges highnes to be made for the same.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde that if hereafter it shall happen, that the said maner of Burlewas, and the landes and tenementes aforesayde, with thappurtenaunces or any part therof to be recouered by saint pleader reddicion or other fraude or coyn: than it shalbe laufull to and for the said wardeins and euery of them all tymes herafter into the said manour landes and tenementes so recouered by coyn, to reentre, and the same to haue & enioy to them & their successours for euer: Any thing in this present acte conteigned to the contrary herof in any wise not withstanding. Sauing to euery person & persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires & successours of euery of them, other than the said persons and their heires, that nowe be and herafter shall be seised or in possession of the said manour of Burlewas landes and tenementes and other the premisses with thappurtenaunces, to thuses and intentes aforesaied, towardes the payemente of the fees wages & other charges of the said knightes of the said shire of Cambridge, and shyrriffes of the said countee for the tyme beyng, as afore is rehersed, al suche title possession right interest action & condicion, as they or any of them hathe in and to the same, or in or to any parte therof, as fully and holy as yf this present acte had neuer ben had or made: Any thing conteigned in this present act to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in consideracion of the premisses, the countee of Cambridge, and the inhabitantes of the same,

same, shal herafter for euer be discharged of all suche summes of money, as herto fore haue bene accustomed to be leuyed and payde for the fees of the knyghtes of the parliament of the saied countie.

¶ An act that the inhabitauntes of Poole may erect a windmil, and a Conduite within the kynges maiesties waste grounde of Batter. Cap. xxv.

IN most humble wise shewen vnto your moste excellent hyghnes, your poore daily oratours and true and faithfull subiectes, the mayre burgesses and inhabitantes of your towne and porte of Poole, in your countie of Dorset, that where your saied oratours and their predecessours, burgesses and inhabitantes of your said towne and port, alwaies hertofore time out of minde haue ben compelled and driuen of very necessitee, to cary & recary al maner their corne prouided for the sustentacion of their poore housholdes, vnto certayne milles beyng .iiii. miles distant at the least from your saied towne and port, to grinde, to the great losse trouble and vnquietnes of your saied oratours. For remedy wherof, and for the more ease quietnes and cõmoditee of your said oratours, and the more and better safegard of your said towne and port: Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by your hyghnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this your present high court of parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to your said oratours, and to their successours, at their libertee and pleasure, to erect, make, frame and set vp, at in & vpon your waste ground and common within the saied towne called Batter, in a place there most requisite & conuenient, at their proper costes and charges, one good and sufficient windmyl, to serue the saied towne and port, and the burgesses and inhabitantes of the same, and to take and haue one hundreth foote of assise square of the saied waste ground, for a conuenient hil to be made to set one windmil vpon. And also like libertee and licence to set one conduite head at a certayne place called Totnam, within the kynges waste ground without the said towne of Poole, taking and hauing .xvi. foote of assise square of the same grounde, for the situacion of the same conduite head, for the conueyng of freshe water, for the seruyce of the same towne, and to haue also lyke free libertee to digge and drawe in by throughe and vpon all places and waies thervnto moste mete and conuenient, with free course and recourse, in to and from the same at al times herafter for euer: peldyng and payng therfore yerely vnto your highnes, your heires and successours, one peper corne, if it be asked, for al other exactions seruices and demandes, and your said oratours shal, accordyng to their moste bounden dueties, continually praie to god for the prosperous preseruacion of your moost noble and royall maiestee long in felicitee to reigne and endure.

FINIS.

An acte for the Subsidie of the temporalitee.

Vte the kynges moſt louyng and obedyent ſubiectes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, do well know, perceiue, and vnderſtande, by the ſeruche, ſyght, and examinacion of diuers and ſundry olde auncient and autenthe rolles, patentes, writinges and recordes, openly and manifeſtly exhibited and naturely reade & debated in this preſent parliament, that the kynges maieſtee, our moſt naturall and dread ſouereign lord, hath good iuſte title ryght and intereſte to the crowne and realme of Scotlande: That is to ſaie, fyrſt the moſte noble progenitours of the kynges maieſtee, kynges of this realme, from the fyrſte inſtitucion and eſtabliſhement of the kyngedome realme and crowne of Scotlande, and longe after, were iuſtely and laufully the ſupreme and naturall ſouereigne lordes of the ſaied realme and crowne of Scotlande, and had the ſubiection and obedience therof in ſuch caſe, that the kynges of Scotlande, dyd to them homage ſeruice and fealtee for the ſaied realme and crowne of Scotlande, and the Iſles and membres of the ſame. And afterwarde for diuers and ſundry great crimes treaſons and rebellions, attempted done and committed by the kynges of Scotlande, vnto the moſte noble progenitours of the kynges highnes, The ſame progenitours kynges of this realme iuſtly obteigned and had the immediate realle and propre dominion of the ſaied realme and crowne of Scotlande, whoſe intereſtes ryghtes and titles of the ſaied progenitours of our ſaid ſouereigne lorde, of in and to the ſaied realme and crowne of Scotlande, is lawfully deſcended veſted and come vnto the kynges maieſtee. And albeit that the enterpryſe and actuall exercyſe of his highnes ſaied title and ryght hath bene ſpared and forborne as well by his maieſtee, as by the late noble kyng his highneſſe father, of famous memorie kynge Henry the. vii. in reſpecte of mariage and proximitee of bloud, and alſo of the minoritee of the late kynge of Scotlande, nephew vnto the kynges maieſtee: Yet that ſurceſſe and forbearyng, ne any other thynges ſuffered by any of his maieſtees moſte noble progenitours, can ne ought in any wyſe appayre prejudice or hurte the iuſte ryghte title and intereſt of our ſaied ſouerayngne lorde, grounded ſo certainly and ſurely as it is by good auncient and autenthe recordes and writynges, recognyſed and confyrmed by ſundry patentes vnder the great ſeale of Scotlande. All be it the ſaid late pretenſed kynge of Scottes, beynge but an vſurper of the crowne and realme of Scotlande, by the ayde and ſuccour of the ſubiectes of the ſame, hath now of late diuers and ſondry tymes moſt cruelly and malicioufly made and committed ſondry inuaſions vſurpacions incurſes murders ſlaughters burnynges ſpoyles robberyes and other notable hurtes and iniuries in and vppon the marches of this realme of En-

glande againſt Scotlande, and vpon the kynges louynge ſubiectes there dwellynge and inhabityng, agaynſt all honour reaſon honeſtie leages and amitee heretofore made by the ſaied late pretenſed kynge, to the kynges maieſtee, as well by writynge vnder his great ſeale, confyrmed by his othe, as by his letters, ambaſſadours, oratours, and cõmiſſioners. And all be it the kynges moſte royall maieſtee (conſyderynge the ſaied late pretenſed kynge to be his nephewe) vſed all reaſonable wayes and meanes to haue reduced and brought hym to honeſt cõditions of peace and quietnes: yet neuertheleſſe the ſayde late kynge of Scottes, offeryng by fayre diſſimulynge wordes, to come to reaſon and honeſte condicions, and neuertheleſſe ſtyll perſyſte continue and encreaſe in his wylfull and peruerſe errours and attemptates, after ſuche ſorte and facion, that the kynges maieſtee myght not, of his princely courage, any longer beare or ſuſteine with his honour: but was conſtreigned, to vſe his kyngly force, for defence reuengement and reformacion of the ſaied notable inuaſions incurſes vſurpacions wronges iniuries and attemptates: And for that purpoſe, at his meſtimable charges, not onely leuied a great army, as welle by ſee as by lande, but alſo increaſed and enforced his hyghnes garriſons, as welle againſte Scotlande, as at Calcis and Guiſnes, and other marches of the realme, with notable numbres of ſouldiours and men of warre, whiche men of warre and ſouldiours, were ſo wyſely, prudentely, and politikely directed and inſtructed by his royall maieſtee, that (thankes be to almighty god) his hyghnes hath had and optained ſundry notable victories vppon the ſaied Scottes, as the lyke hath not bene ſeene in many yeres. For diuers of the nobilitee, gentlimen, and comminalties of Scotlande (at ſundry late conflictes of warre betwene theim and the Engliſhe men) haue bene ſlayne and kylled, and many taken, and remayne yet as priſoners to oure ſaied ſoueraigne lorde: To the great renowme fame and honour of his maieſtee, and the hole realme, and to the good ſureter of the ſame. For the whiche moſte princely prudent and politike doynges and procedynges of our ſaied ſoueraigne lorde, for our ſurertees and defences: we his ſaid humble and obedient ſubiectes do render and geue to his moſte royall maieſtee our moſte hertie and louing thankes.

¶ And for as muche as amonge other conſideracions and reſpectes, that ciuile and politike bodies ought to haue in all common welthes, they ſhuld moſte principally and ſpecially regarde ſtudye and deuyſe for the conſeruacion and encreaſe of the royall eſtate honour dignitee and eſtimacion of their chiefe headde and ſoueraigne lorde, by whome they be ſtaied and gouerned: and for the preſeruacion and ſuretee of his perſon, and of his ſucceſſion, and with all theyr powers myghte and ſubſtaunce, to reſiſte and ſtande agaynſt all ſuche, whiche by violence force fraude diſcrete or other wyſe wolde attempte to decreaſe diminiſhe appeyre or hurte the ſame in body dignitee title or honour. We therfore the kynges maieſtees moſte louyng and obedient ſubiectes, aſſembled in this preſent parliament, beyngs

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his ciuile and politike bodie of this realme, cõsideryng that it hath pleased almyghtie god, by his deuine prouidence, to call to his mercie the saied late pretensed kynge of Scottes: By reason wherof the kynges maiestie, our moste dradde souereigne lord, hath now at this present (by the infinite goodnes of god) a tyme apte & propise for the recouery of his saied ryght and title to the saied crowne & realme of Scotlande. And wayng also the great and inestimable costes and charges, that his highnes hath had and susteyned, sithen the begynnyng of his saied warres with Scotlande, and must styll beare and susteine, as well for recouerying of his saied title, as for the continuaunce of his saied warres, for our defences agaynste the malyce of Scotlande: till they be reduced to honest & reasonable conditions: Mynding to suppoꝛte and beare with our saied souereigne lord, after our symple powers, somwhat towardes the alleuiacion of his saied great and moste exceedynge charges and expences, do by our owne mutuall assentes and agreementes, with one hole hoyce and hearttie good wyll, by auctoꝛitee of this present parliament, geue and graunte vnto his maiestie, one entyer Subsidie, to continue by the space of thre yeres, to be rated tazed leuied and paied, of euery person spirituall and temporall, of what estate oꝛ degree he be of, accoꝛdynge to the tenour of this acte, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saie, of euery person and oꝛphane boꝛne within this realme of Englande wales oꝛ other the kynges dominions, beynge woꝛth xx.s. and vnder.v.poundes, foꝛ euery pounde, as welle in coyne, and the value of euery pounde, that euery suche persoñe oꝛ oꝛphane hath of his owne, oꝛ to any other vse, as also plate stocke of marchaundise, all maner of coꝛnes and blades seuered from the grounde, household stuffe, and of all other goodes mouable, as well within this realme as without, and of all suche summes of money as to hym is owynge, wherof he trusteth in his conscience surely to be payde: except and of the premisses deducted, suche summes of money, as he oweth, and in his conscience truely intendeth to paie: And except also the apparayle of all suche personnes theyr wyfes and chyldren belongynge to theyr owne bodyes, saueynge iewelles golde siluer stone and other.viii. pens, of and foꝛ euery pounde. And also of euery other person, boꝛne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, beyng woꝛthe fiue poundes in goodes, as is befoꝛe specified, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, in all his goodes, as is befoꝛe saied. viii. pens, of and foꝛ euery pounde. And lyke wyse of euery person, boꝛne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, woꝛthe in goodes, as is aboue sayde, ten poundes, and vnder the value of twenty poundes, shall paie foꝛ euery pounde. xvi. d. And also of euery other persone, beynge woꝛthe in goodes, as is befoꝛe saied xx. poundes, and so vpwardes, of and foꝛ euery pounde, two. s. And of euery alien and straunger, boꝛne out of the kynges obeysaunce, as well denison as other, inhabityng within this realme, foꝛ euery pounde that he oꝛ they haue in coyne, and the value of euery pounde in plate, coꝛne, graynes, blades of coꝛne seuered frome the grounde, marchaundise,

houſeholde ſtuffe, or other goodes iewelles and cattalles moueable, as is aforeſaied, as well within this realme as without, and of all ſummes of money, to hym or them owynge, wherof he or they truſte in his or theyr conſcience or cõſciences to be paied; excepte and of the ſame premiſſes deducted euery ſuche ſummes of money, which he or they do owe, and in his or theyr conſcience intende truely to paie: of and for euery pound, vnder. v. pounds, viii.d. And of and from. v. poundes vpwarde, and vnder. x. poundes, for euery pounde. xvi. ō. And likewiſe of and from. x. poundes, and vnder. xx. poundes, for euery pound in goodes, as is afore ſaied. ii. ſ. viii. ō. And of euery. xx. poundes in goodes as is before reherſed, & ſo vpwarde, of euery pounde, foure. ſ. And alſo that euery alien and ſtraunger, borne out of the kynges dominion, beynge denizon or not denizon, beyng of the age of. xvi. yeres and ſo vpwarde, not beynge contributorie to the rate afore ſayde, ſhall paie for euery polle. iiii. ō And the mayſter, or he with whome the ſame alien is or ſhalbe abidynge, at the tyme of the yerely taxation therof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of payment therof.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritee afore ſaid, that euery perſon borne vnder the kynges obeyſaunce, ſhall paie of and for euery pounde, that the ſame perſon, or any other to his vſe, hath in fee ſymple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execucion, by warde, by coppe of courte rolle, or at will, of or in any honours caſtels manours landes tenementes rentes ſeruice hereditamentes annuitees fees corrodies or other profyttes, of the yerely value of. xx. ſ. and vnder. v. poundes, for euery pound. viii. ō. And of fyue poundes and vnder. x. poundes, for euery pounde. xvi. ō. And of. x. poundes, and vnder. xx. poundes, for euery pounde. ii. ſ. And of. xx. li. and of euery pound aboue the ſaied ſumme of. xx. poundes, for euery pound iii. ſ. And of euery alien or ſtranger, borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce, as well denizon as other, for euery pounde that the ſame alien or ſtraunger, or any other to his vſe, hath or haue in fourme afore ſaied, in landes tenemẽtes or other yerely profyttes, as is afore ſaid, of the yerely value of. xx. ſ. and vnder. v. poundes. xvi. ō. for euery pounde. And of euery yerely value of. v. poundes, & vnder. x. poũdes. ii. ſ. viii. ō. for euery pounde: And of. x. poundes in yerely value, & vnder the value of. xx. poundes. iiii. ſ. for euery pound: And of euery. xx. poundes in yerely value in landes & other the premiſſes, as is afore ſaied, or aboue. vi. ſ. for euery pounde. And that all coyne plate iewelles goodes and cattalles perſonalles, beyng in the rule & cuſtodie of any perſon or perſons, to the vſe of any corporacion fraternitee guylde miſterie brotherhed, or any comunaltee, beyng corporat or not corporate, be & ſhalbe rated ſet and charged by reaſon of this acte, as the value certified by the preſentours of that certificat to be ſworne, of euery pounde in goodes, as is aboue ſaied, vnder. v. poundes. viii. ō. for euery poũd. And of euery. v. poundes, & of euery pounde, vnder. x. poundes. xvi. ō. for euery pound. And of euery. x. poundes. & of euery pound vnder. xx. poundes. ii. ſ. viii. ō. for euery pound: And of euery. xx. poundes, & ſo vpwarde. iiii. ſ. for

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euery pound. And that all manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by copie of courte rolle, at will, after the custome of the manour, or otherwyse, beynge in the rule & custodie of any person or persons, to the vse or profite of any corporaciō fraternitee guylde misterie brotherhed or cominaltee, beyng corporat or not corporate, be and shalbe rated and charged by reason of this acte, as the yerely value shalbe certified by the presentours of that certificate to be sworne, of and for euery pound, vnder. v. poundes. xvi. d. And of euery. v. li. and vnder. x. poundes. ii. s. viii. d. for euery pound: And of euery. x. li. and vnder. xx. poūdes, for euery pound. iiii. s. And of euery. xx. li. & so vpward, vi. s. for euery pound. And the summes (as are before rehersed) set & taxed, to be leuyed and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes in custodie or otherwise charged for landes, as before is rehersed: and the same person or psons, by the auctoritee of this act, shalbe discharged against him or theim, that shall or ought to haue the same, at the tyme of the paiment or deliuerie therof, or at his otherwise departure frome the custodie or possession of the same. Except & alwaies forprysed frō the charge & assessement of this Subsidie, al goodes cattals iewels & ornamentes of churches & chapels, ordeyned & vsed in churches or chappels for the honor & seruice of almightie god. ¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctoritee of this present pliament, that euery such person, as well such as be borne vnder the kynges obeisance, as euery other person stranger borne, denison or not denison, inhabityng within this realme or within wales, whiche at the tyme of the saied assessynge or taxacion yerely to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme, & out of wales, and haue goodes or cattalles, landes or tenemētes, fees or annuitees, or other yerely profittes within this realme, or in wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same by the certificat of the inhabitauntes of the parties, where suche goodes cattals landes tenementes or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place, where such person, or his factour deputee or attourney shall haue his most resort vnto, within this realme or in wales, in like maner as if ẏ same person wer or had ben at the tyme of the same assessynge, within this realme. And that euery persō abidinge or dwelling within this realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged & chargeable to the same subsidie graunted by this acte, accordyng & after the rate of suche yerely substance & value of landes & tenemētes, goodes cattalles and other the premisses, as euery persō so to be charged, shalbe set at, in ẏ tyme of the saied assessyng or taxacion vpon hym to be made, & in none other wise. That is to say euery persō & orphane, beyng worth. xx. s. in goodes and vnder. v. poūdes, as before is rehersed, to pay the fyrst yere of the saied thre yeres. iii. d. of euery pound: And euery of the two yeres after, residue of the saied thre yeres. i. d. of euery pounde. And likewise euery person and orphane, borne vnder the kynges obeysance, beyng worth in goodes. v. poūdes, & vnder. x. poundes, as is aboue saied, to pay the fyrst yere of the sayde thre yeres. iiii. d. of euery pounde: and to pay euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde

thre yeres.ii.d.of euery pounde. And also euery other persone and orphane, beynge worth in goodes tenne poundes, and vnder the value of. xx. poundes, as is before saied, to paie the fyrste yere. viii.d.of euery pounde: and to pay euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied three yeres. iiii. d. of euery pounde. And also euery person and orphane. beynge worth in goodes, as is aboue saied. xx. poundes, and vpwardes: to paie the fyrste yere of the saied thre yeres. viii.d.of euery pounde: and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde thre yeres. viii.d. of euery pounde. And likewyse euery alien and stranger borne, as well denisons as not denisōs, and all fraternitees guyldes corporacions and brotherheades, hauynge and beyng worth in goodes as before is rehersed. xx. s̄. and vnder fyue poundes. euery of them to pay for the fyrst yere of the saied thre yeres, of euery pounde. iiii. d. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde thre yeres. ii. d. of euery pounde. And also euery alien and stranger borne, as well denison as not denison, and all corporacions fraternitees guildes misteryes and brotherheades, hauynge and beyng worthe in goodes fyue poundes, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, euery of them to pay for the fyrste yere of the sayde thre yeres, of euery pounde. viii.d. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres. iiii.d.of euery pounde. And the saied aliens and straungers, corporacions, fraternitees guyldes misteries and brotherheades, & euery of them, hauynge or beynge worthe in goodes, as before is rehersed, the value of, ten poundes, and vnder the value of. xx. poundes, shall paye the fyrste yere of the saied thre yeres, of euery pounde. xvi. d. and to paye in euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde thre yeres. viii.d. of euery pounde. Also euery alien and stranger borne, denison or not denison, fraternitees guyldes corporacions misteries and brotherheades, and euery of theym, hauynge or beynge worthe in goodes cattalles and other the premisses. xx. pounde, and so vpwarde, shall paie the fyrste yere of the saied three yeres of euery pounde ii. s̄. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde thre yeres, to paye of euery pounde. xii. d. And likewyse euery alien and straunger borne, beynge of the age of. xvi. yeres and vpwardes, not beynge contributorie to the rate afore sayde, shall paie the fyrste yere of the saied thre yeres, euery polle. ii. d. and euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres, to pay euery polle. i. d. And also euery person borne vnder the kynges obeisaunce, of euery pounde that the same person, or any other to his vse, haue in fee symple, fee taile, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execucion, by warde, by copie of courte rolle, or at wyll, any honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes seruyces hereditamentes annuitees fees corrodies or profites, as is aboue saied, of the yerely value of. xx. shyllynges: and vnder the value of. v. poundes, shall pay the fyrste yere of euery pounde. iiii. d. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres, of euery pounde. ii. d. And lykewyse euery other person, that hath in landes and other the premisses, fyue poundes by the yere, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, shall paie the firste yere of euery pounde. viii. d, & in euery of the two yeres

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residue of the sayde thre yeres, to paie of euery pound. iiii. d. And also euery person, haunge landes and other the premisses, as is afore sayde, to the value of tenne poundes by the yere, and vnder the yerely value of. xx. li. shall paie the fyrst yere of euery pound. viii. d. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres. viii. d. And likewyse euery person that hath in landes and other the premisses. xx. li. or aboue, shall paie in euery yere of the saied thre yeres. xii. d. of euery pounde. And also euery alien or stranger, borne out of the kynges obeysance, as well denison as other, for euery pound that ỹ same alien or straunger, or any other to his vse hath in fourme afore saied, in landes and tenementes, or other the premisses, of the yerely value of. xx. s. and vnder fyue poundes, shall paie the furste yere of euery pounde. viii. d. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres, to paie foure. d. of euery pounde. And of euery fyue poundes in landes and other the premisses, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, shall paie the fyrste yere of the saied thre yeres. xvi. d. of euery pounde: and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the saied thre yeres, to paie. viii. d. of euery pounde. And lykewise euery alien or straunger borne, haunge landes or other the premisses, as before is saied, of the yerely value of tenne poundes, and vnder the yerely value of. xx. poundes, shall paie the fyrste yere of the saied thre yeres of euery pound. ii. s. and in euery of the two yeres, residue of the sayde thre yeres to pay for euery pound. xx. d. And also euery other alien or straunger borne, denison or not denison, hauyng landes or other the premisses, as is before saied, at the tyme of his taration or settynge, of the yerely value of. xx. li. or aboue, shall pate in euery of the saied thre yeres of euery pounde. ii. s. ¶ And the saied Subsidie shalbe taxed assessed and rated, according to this acte, in euery shire, ridynge, lathe, wapentake, tape, citee, borough, towne, and euery other place, betwene the fyrste daye of September, and the. xx. day of October. And the saied summes of euery shyre, ridynge borough towne or other place afore said, of and for the said Subsidie to be taxed by commissioners, of ỹ to the same limitred, or two of them at the leaste, with the names of the hyghe collectours: and shalbe certifyed yerely, durynge the sayde thre yeres, in to the kynges Eschequer at Westmynster before the. xvi. daie of November, with the names of the hygh collectours of the same, And the saied summes, in maner & fourme before sayed taxed, shalbe yerely paied into the kynges Receipte of his eschequer at Westmynster afore saied, to the vse of our saied soueraygne lorde, in euery of the saied thre yeres, before the vi. daie of Februarye, durynge the saied thre yeres. And the summes aboue saied, of and for the said Subsidie, shalbe taxed sette asked demanded taken gathered leuied and payde vnto the vse of our saied soueraigne lorde, in fourme aboue saied, as well within the liberties, franchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other what so euer place exempte or not exempt, as without. Exepte suche shyres places and persons as shalbe forprised in and by this present acte: Any graunt charter vse or libertee, by reason of any letters patentes, or other wyse pruyleged, prescrip

prescripcion allowaunce of the same, or what so euer other mattier of dyscharge heretofore to the contrarye made graunted vsed or opteyned not withstandyng.

¶ And furthermore bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that for the assessynge and orderynge of the saied Subsidie, to be duely had, the lorde Chauncellour of England, the lorde Treasourer of England, the lorde president of the kynges most honorable counsayle, and the lorde preuye seale for the tyme beynge, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, to be one of them, shall and may name and appoynte, of and for euery shyre and ridynge and other places, as well within this realme as in Wales, and also of and for euery citee and towne: beyng a countie in it selfe, and of and for the isle of wyght, suche certayne nombre of persons of euery of the same shyres rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes citees and Isle, as to them shalbe thought conuenyente, of euery of the same shires rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes citees townes and isle of wyght, and euery other place, and other the inhabitantes of the same to be commissioners within the same: wherof they be inhabitantes of the same. And also of and for the honorable householdes of the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the Queene, and the Prince. certaine of the head officers of the same, to be commissioners of the same housholdes, in what shyres or other places the saied householdes shall hoppen than to be. And the lorde Chauncellour, and other with him before named, in like maner may name and appoynt of euery other suche borough and towne corporate, as well in Englande as in Wales, as they shall thynke requisite, syxe, fyue, foure, thre or two of the head officers, and other sadde and honeste inhabitauntes of euery of the saied citees boroughes and townes corporate, accordynge to the numbre and multitude of people beyng in the same. The whiche persōs (if any suche be therunto named of the sayde inhabitauntes, of the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng counties in them selfes) shall be ioyned and put as cōmissioners with the persons named for suche shyres and rydynges, as the saied boroughes and townes corporate, not beynge counties in them selues, be set and haue theyr beynge: whiche persones so named for and of the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beynge counties, by reason of theyr dwellyng in the same, shall not take vpon them ne none of them, to put any parte of theyr commission in execucion for the premisses, out of the sayde borough or towne corporat, wherin they beynge so named onely for the same, be dwellyng. And also not to execute the sayde cōmission within the borough or towne corporate, where they bee so dwellynge, but ioyntly with three at the leaste of the other commissioners, within the shyre or rydynge: And in that comission where they be so dwellynge, at suche dayes and tymes, as the sayde other commissioners for the same shyre and rydynge, shall therunto limitte & appoynte within the same boroughe or towne corporate, not beynge countie corporate, whereof they so bee, and not out of suche borough or towne. And in that maner to be aydynge and

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assysyng with the said other comissioners, in and for the good execucion of the effect of theyr said commission, vpon peine of euery of the sayde commissyoners so named, for euery suche citee boroughe and towne corporate, not beynge a countie, to make suche fyne, as the saied other comissioners in the cõmission of and for the saied shyre or rydynge so named, or three of theim at the leaste, shall by their discrecions set & certifie in to the kynges Eschequer there to be leuyed vnto the vse of our souerayngne lorde the kynge, in lyke maner as suche or lyke summes had bene sette and rated vppon euery suche person for the saied Subsidie. The whiche cõmissioners so named of and for the saied citees boroughes and townes, not beynge counties, and onely put in the saied comission by reason of theyr dwellynge in the same, shall not haue any parte of the porcion of the fees or rewardes for the commissioners and theyr clerkes in this acte afterwarde especifyed. And the Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the kynges great seale for the time beynge, shall make and dyrecte out of the courte of the Chauncerie, vnder the kynges great seale, seuerall commissions, That is to saie, to euery shire ridynge lathe wapentake rape citee towne borough Isle and housholdes, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discrecion, and other with hym a fore appoynted or named, in lyke maner and fourme, as is before rehersed, shalbe thought sufficient, for the cessynge and leuynge of the said subsidie in all shyres and places, accordynge to the true meanynge of this acte. which cõmissions shalbe directed and deliuered to the said commissioners, or to one of them, before the syxte date of August next ensuyng the sayde thre yeres, and to euery of the saied commissions tenne sedules, conteignyng in them the tenour of this acte, shalbe affixed. By the whiche cõmission the cõmissioners in euery suche cõmission named accordynge to this acte, or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the kynges commission, shall haue full power and auctorite, to put the effecte of the saied acte in execution. And by auctorite of this act, after suche commission to them directed, next ensuyng the sayde three yeres, they may by theyr assentes and agrementes, seuer them selues for the execucion of theyr cõmmission, in hundredes lathes wardes rapes wapentakes townes parishes and other places, within the limittes of theyr sayde commission, in suche fourme as to theim shall seeme expediente to be ordered, and betwene them to be commened and agreed, according to the tenour and effecte of the commission to them therein directed. Upon whiche seueraunce euery person of this present parliament, that shalbe commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundred, wherin he dwelleth.

¶ Prouided alwaie that no persone be or shalbe compelled to bee any commissioner, to and for the execucion of this present act, but onely in the shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth: And that any person, beynge assygned to the contrary hereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled, to put in execucion the effect of this act, or any part therof.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the auctorite of this present parliament: that the cõmissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named limitted and appointed

poynted, accordynge to this acte to be commissioners in euery shire ridyng lathe wapentake rape citee towne boroughe Isle and in the saied householdes, or any other place, and none other, shall truely effectually, and dylygently for theyr parte, execute the effecte of this present acte, accordynge to the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise, by any other meanes without omission fauour dread malyce or any other thynge to bee attempted or done by them or any of them to the contrary hereof. And the said commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the saied commission, and none other, for the execucion of the saied commission and acte, shall yerely durynge the saied thre yeres, betwene the fyrste daie of September, and the.xx.daie of Octobre, after cōmissions deliuered to them in fourme aboue saied, directe theyr seuerall or ioynt precepte, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. or three, or mo, as for the nombre of the inhabitauntes shall be requisite, of the moste substauncial discrete and honest persons inhabitauntes, to bee named by the saied commissioners, or by as many of theym, as shalbe appoynted by the saied commission, of and in hundredes lathes rapes wapentakes wardes paryshes, townes or other places, as well within libertees, frāchises, auncient demeasne, places exempted and sanctuaryes, as without, within the limittes of the shires rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes citees townes boroughes or Isle aforesaied, and other places within the limittes of their commissions: and to the constables subconstables baylyffes and other like officers or ministers, of euery of the saied hundredes townes wardes lathes wapentakes parishes and other places before saied, as to the saied commissioners, and euery numbre of theim, vnto three of them, by their discrecion in deuision, shall seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of that parties shalbe requisite, straytely by the same precepte chargynge and cōmaundyng the same inhabitauntes constables and other officers afore sayde, to whome suche precepte shall be so directed, to appere in theyr propre persons before the saied commissioners, or suche nombre of them as thei shall deuide them selfes, accordyng to the tenour of the sayd commission, at certayne daies and places, by the saied commissioners, or any nombre of them, as is aboue saied, within citees boroughes or townes corporate or without, in any other place, as is afore saied, by theyr discrecions shalbe limitted: There to do and accomplysshe all that to theym on the parte of our soueraigne lorde the kynge shall be enioyned, touchynge this acte. Commaundynge further by the same precepte, that he, to whose handes suche precepte shall come, shall shewe or delyuer the same, to the other inhabitauntes or officers, named in the same precepte. And that none of them fayle to accomplysshe the same, vppon payne of. xl. s. to bee forfayted to the kyng.

¶ And it is ordeyned by the saied auctoriiee of this parliamente, that the saied daie and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde preceptes, euery of the commissioners then beynge in the shyre, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence: shall at the saied daie and place prefyxed, for that parte,

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wherunto he was limitted, appere in his proper person: And there the same commissioners beynge present, or by as many as shall bee appoynted by the kynges commission, shall call or cause to be called before them the saied inhabitauntes and officers, to whome they haue directed theyr sayde preceptes, and whiche had in cõmaundement there to appere by the sayde precepte of the saied commissioners. And if any person so warned make defaut, unles he shall then be letted by sickenes or lawfull excuse, and that let then to be wetnessed by the othes of two credible persons: or if any so apperynge refuse to be swoine in fourme folowynge, to forfaite to the kynge. xl. s. And so at euery tyme, durynge the saied three yeres prefyxed for the same cause, unto suche tyme the nombre of euery suche persones haue appeered, and certified in fourme underwriten: And euery of theym so makynge defaute, or refusynge to be swoine, to forfaite to the kynge. xl. s. And upon the same apparance had, one of the moste substanciall inhabitauntes or officer, so there beynge warned and apperynge before the sayde commissioners, shall be swoine openly durynge the saied three yeres, upon a boke openly before the commissioners in fourme folowyng.

¶ I shall truely inquire with my felowes, that shall be charged with me, of the hundred wapentake warde towne or other place, of the beste & moste value of the substaunce of euery persone, dwellynge and abidynge within the limyttes of the places, that I and my felowes shall be charged with: & of other, whiche shall haue his or theyr moste resorte unto any of the same places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of the sayde subsidie: and of all other articles that I shal be charged with touchynge the saied acte, and accordynge to the intent of the same, and therupon as nere as it maye or shall come to my knowelage, truely to present and certify before you, the names surnames, and the beste and uttermoste substaunce and values of euery of them, as well of landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes possessions & profittes, rented in the saied act, as of goodes cattalles dettes and other thinges, chargeable by the saied acte, without any concelement fauour loue affection dread feare or malice, so healpe me god and the contentes of this boke.

¶ And euery other person, that shall appere there openly by the saied preceptes, shall make lyke othe: And upon the othe so taken, as is before sayde by the inhabitauntes and officers of euery hundred, warde, wapentake, towne or other place, the saied commissioners shall openly there reade or cause to be redde unto them the said rates, & openly declare the effecte of their charge unto them, in what maner & fourme they ought & shulde make they⁊ certificates, accordynge to the rates and summes therof aboue sayde. And of all maner of persons, as well of aliens and straungers, denisons, or not denisons, inhabited within this realme, as of suche persones as bee borne within the kynges obeysaunce, chargeable to this acte. And of the possessions goodes and cattalles of fraternitees guyldes corporacions brotherheades misteries and other as is aboue saied: And of persones beynge

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in the partees of beyonde the see, hauynge goodes or cattalles, landes or tenementes within this realme, as is before said: And of all goodes being in custody to the vse of any other, as is aboue saied. By the whicheinformacion and shewyng, the saied persons shall haue suche playne knowlage of the true intent of this present acte, and of the maner of theyr certifycat, that the same persons shal haue no resonable cause to excuse them by ignoraunce. And after such othes, and the statute of the saied Subsidie, and the maner of the saied certificate to be made in writyng, conteygnyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the kynges obeysaunce, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, as well of yerely value of landes and tenementes and suche lyke possessions and profytes, as the value of goodes and cattalles, debtes, & euery thynge to their sayde certifycat requisite and necessary, to them declared: the sayde cōmissioners there beynge, shall by their discrecions appoynt and lymitte vnto the said persons, an other daie and place, to appere afore the said commissioners: And chargynge the saied persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all waies and meanes, of the premisses: and then and there euery of them, vpon peyne of forfaiture of. xx. s. to the kyng, to appere at the sayde newe prefixed daie and place: there to certifie vnto the saied commissioners in writynge accordyng to their saied charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the saied graunte of Subsidie, and as to them in maner afore saied hath than ben shewed and declared by the commissioners. At whiche daie and place, so to them prefyxed, yf any of the saied persons make defaulte, or appere and refuse to make the saied certycate: that then euery of them so offendynge to forfayte to the kynge. xl. s. Excepte onely a reasonable excuse for his defaulte, by reason of sickenes or otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons, there wytnessed, be had. And of suche as appere, redy to make certificate, as is afore saied, the sayde commissioners there beynge, shall take and receyue the same certificate, and euery parte thereof: and the names values and substaunce of euery person so certified. And if the same commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the saied presenters therof: And ther vpon the saied commissioners at the saied dayes and places, by their agreement among them selues, shall yerely, duryng the sayde thre yeres, openly there prefixe a day, at a certaine place or places, within the lymittes of their commission, by theyr discrecion, for theyr further procedynge to the saied assessynge of the saied Subsidie: And ther vpon at the saied daie of the saied certificate, as is before saied, taken: the same commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes to the constables subconstables bailyffes or other officers, of suche hundredes wapentakes townes or other places afore saied, as the same commissioners shalbe of, comprisynge and conteignynge in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the saied certificates: of whom if the saied commissioners, or as many of them as shall be ther vnto appoynted by the kynges commission, shall then haue vehe-

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men ſuſpecte, to be of moze and greatter value oz ſubſtaunce, in landes tenementes goodes cattalles, oz ſummes of money owynge to them. oz other ſubſtaunce beſoze ſaied, then vpon ſuch perſon oz perſons ſhalbe certifyed: the ſame cõmiſſioners ſhall make their pzecept oz pzeceptes directed to conſtables bailiffes oz other officers, cõmaundynge the ſame conſtables bailiffes and other officers, to whome ſuche pzecepte ſhalbe directed, to warne ſuche perſons, whoſe names ſhalbe compzyſed in the ſaied pzecepte, at their manſions, oz to theyz perſons: that the ſame perſons, named in ſuche pzeceptes, and euery of them, ſhall perſonally appere beſoze the ſaied cõmiſſioners, at the ſame newe pzefyxed day oz place, there to be ſwozne and examined by all waies and meanes, by the ſaied commiſſioners, of theyz greatteſt ſubſtaunce and beſt value, and of all and euery ſummes of money owen to them, and other what ſo euer matter concernynge the pzemiſſes, oz any of theym, accozdynge to this acte. At whiche daye and place ſo pzefyxed, the ſaied commiſſioners then there beynge, oz as many of them as ſhall be therunto appoynted by the kynges commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called the ſayde perſons, whoſe names ſhalbe compzyſed in the ſaied pzecepte, as it is beſoze ſaied, foz their examinacion. And yf any of thoſe perſones, whiche ſhulde be warned, as is beſoze ſaied to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnynge, and beſoze the pzefyxed date, ſhalbe within ſuche place, where he may haue knowlage of his ſaied apparaunce to be made, make defaute and appere not, onles a reaſonable cauſe, oz els a reaſonable excuſe, by the othes of two credible perſons beſoze the ſayd comiſſioners be alleged foz his diſcharge: that then euery of them, ſo makyng defaulte, to be taxed and charged to the kynge with and at the double ſummes of the rate, that he ſhulde oz ought to haue ben ſet at, foz and after the beſt value of his landes oz ſubſtaunce vpon him certified, yf he had appeered, by the diſcretion of the commiſſioners there beynge. And in lyke maner, yf any of theym ſuſpected, as is beſoze ſayde, appere and refuſe to be ſwozne, in fourme folowyng: then euery ſuche offendour to be taxed and charged to the kynge, with and at the double ſumme of the rate, that he ſhulde oz ought to haue ben ſet at, foz and after the beſte value of his ſubſtaunce, vpon hym certified by the ſaied perſons that made the certificate, as is beſoze ſaied, by the diſcrecions of the commiſſioners there then beyng. And euery of the perſons ſo then and there apperyng, whoſe names ſhalbe expzeſſed in the ſaied pzecept oz pceptes, & in whom any behement ſuſpecte was oz ſhalbe had, in fourme aboue ſaied, ſhall trauell with the ſame pſon ſo ſuſpected, by all ſuch waies and meanes they can. And further the ſame commiſſioners, oz as many of them as ſhalbe herevnto appointed by the ſaied commiſſion, by their diſcrecions ſhall openly ſwere the ſame pſon in this maner & fourme folowynge. I ſhall feithfully, truely, and playnely, accozdynge to my knowlage, ſhewe vnto you the kynges cõmiſſioners, and to other by you aſſigned, the beſt and greatteſt value oz aboue, with all myne perely pzofyttes in landes tenementes rentes, oz ſuche other lyke poſſeſſions, perely pzofyt oz fees: and

the beſt and greatteſt value of all my goodes and cattalles, and ſummes of money to me owynge, accordynge to the graunt of this acte of Subſidie, and truely anſwere to that I ſhalbe examined of, touchynge the premiſſes without couin or diſceit, ſo helpe me god and the holy cõtentes of this boke.

¶ And if any perſon that ſhulde appere, be excuſed in fourme afore ſaied, by witnes of credible perſons: the ſame perſons ſhalbe examined by theyr othes, of his or their greatteſt and beſt value and ſubſtaunce, ſo lackyng & excuſed: and by the beſt of that certificate or knowlage, or of the other kyndes certificate vpon hym or theim made: The ſame perſon ſo lackyng and excuſed of his apparance, to be ſet & rated by the ſaied cõmiſſioners, or otherwyſe to be ſet and rated in this caſe, as ſhall ſeme beſte by the diſcrecions of the ſaied commiſſioners. And if it happen to be proued by witnes, his owne confeſſion, or other lawfull waies or meanes, within a yere after any ſuche othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo tared and ſworne, was of any greatter or better value, in landes goodes or other thynges aboue ſpecified, at the tyme of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne dyd declare vpon his ſayde othe: That then ſuch perſon ſo offendyng, ſhall loſe and forfayt to the kynge foure tymes ſo muche in lauful money of England, as the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, was ſet or tared to paie.

¶ And that euery ſpirituall perſon, duryng the ſaied thre yeres, ſhalbe rated and ſet, accordynge to the rate aboue ſaied, of and for euery pound, that the ſame ſpirituall perſon, or any other to his vſe, hath by diſcent bargaine or purchaſe, in fee ſymple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execuciõ, by warde, by copie of courte rolle, or at will, in any manours landes tenementes rentes ſeruices offices fees annuitees or hereditamentes, after the true iuſte & perely value therof, after and accordynge, as other the kynges ſubiectes borne within this realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembered: ſo that it extende to the perely value of. xx. ſhillynges or aboue.

¶ And if any maner of perſon, certified or tated to any maner of valtue, doth fynde hym ſelfe greued with the ſame preſentment, and do therevppon complayne to the cõmiſſioners of the ſaied cõtie, or to as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſame cõmiſſion: that then the ſayde commiſſioners ſhall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly & diſtinctly the perſon ſo cõplainant, and other his neighbours by theyr diſcretion, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue ſpecified, and of euery his goodes cattalles & debtes aboue mencioned. And after due examinacion and perfecte knowelage therof had and perceiued by the ſame cõmiſſioners, whiche ſhall haue power by auctorite aforeſaied: the ſaied commiſſioners, ſhall trauell with the ſame perſon or perſons ſo complainyng, by all ſuche waies and meanes they can. And further the ſame commiſſioners, or as many of them, as ſhall therunto be appoynted, by the ſaied cõmiſſion, by their diſcretions vpon the othe of the ſaied perſon ſo cõplainyng, maie abate, defaulke, increaſe or enlarge the ſame aſſeſſement, accordyng as it ſhall appere to them iuſte vppon the ſaied examinacion: and the ſame ſumme ſo abated defaulked increaſed

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or enlarged by them, to be treated in fourme as hereafter enſueth, ſo that he come before the eſtreates of the ſaied aſſeſſyng be deliuered by the ſaied cõmiſſioners, into the kynges Eſchequer. And if it be proued by witnes, his owne cõfeſſion, or other laufull waies or meanes, within a yere after any ſuche othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo tared & ſworne, was of any greater or better value, in landes goodes or other thynges aboue ſpecified, at the tyme of his ſaied othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne ded declare vpon his ſaied othe: That then euery ſuch perſon ſo offendyng, ſhal loſe & forfait to the kyng foure tymes ſo muche in laufull money of Englande, as the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet at, or tared to pate. And all perſons ſet tared and tared, as is aforeſaied: ſhalbe bounde & charged by the ſame. And the ſumme or ſummes vpon hym ſet, to be due towardes the payemente of the ſubſidie, and to be leuyed as hereafter ſhalbe eſpecifyed.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, by the ſaied auctoritee, that euery perſone, perely duryng the ſaied thre yeres, as is afore ſaied, be rated tared and ſet: and the ſame to hym ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place, where he and his familie, at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall kepe his houſe or dwellyng or where he then ſhalbe moſt cõuerſant abiding or reſiant, or ſhall haue his moſt reſorte, & ſhalbe beſt knowen, at the tyme of the ſaied certificate to bee made, and no where elſe. And if any perſon, chargeable to this acte, at the tyme of the ſaied aſſeſſyng happen to be out of this realme, & out of Wales, or farre from the place, where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet, where he was laſt abidynge in this realme or within Wales, & beſte knowen, and after the ſubſtaũce value & other profittes of euery perſon, knowen by the examinacion certificat and other maner of wyſe, as is afore ſayde: The ſaid commiſſionars, or as many of them, as ſhalbe appoynted by the kynges cõmiſſion, ſhall after the rate afore ſaid, ſet and tare euery perſon, according to the rate of ſubſtaunce and value of landes goodes and other profyttes, wherby the greateſt & moſt beſt ſumme, according by his moſt ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this acte, ought or may be ſet or tared.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that euery ſuche perſon, whiche ſhalbe ſet or tared for payment to this ſubſidie, for & after the perely value of his landes tenementes or other reall poſſeſſions or profites, in any of the ſaied thre yeres: ſhall not be ſet or tared for his goodes and cattals, or other mouable ſubſtaunce in the ſame yere. And he that ſhalbe tared or charged for the ſame ſubſidie, for his goodes cattals, or other mouables, in any of the ſaied thre yeres, ſhall not be charged tared or chargeable for his landes or other reall poſſeſſions or profittes aboue ſaied, in the ſame yere. And that any perſon to be double charged for the ſaied ſubſidie, neither ſet or tared at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this acte: any thyng contened in this preſent acte not withſtandyng.

¶ And that it bee ordeyned by the ſaied auctoritee of this preſente parliamẽt, that no perſon, hauynge two manſions, or two places to reſorte vnto or callynge hym ſelfe houſeholde ſeruaunte, or waityng ſeruaunt to the kynges hyghnes, the Queene, the Prince, or other lorde or lady, may ſhew

or mayſters be excuſed vpon his ſuyenge from the taxe of the ſaied Subſidie, in neyther of the places where he may be ſette, onles he bryng a certificat in wrytyng from the cõmyſſioners, where that he is ſo ſette in dede at one place. And if any happen to be ſette in two places, vppon certificate therof made, the beſte and moſte ſumme vpon hym ſo taxed, to be taken and abyde, and the other to be diſcharged: ſo that the ſame certificate, of his aſſeſſyng and payment be made therof in wrytynge, vnder the ſeales of the commiſſioners, or of as many of theym as ſhalbe appoynted by the kynges commiſſion, whiche certificate ſo made, ſhall be at all tymes a ſufficient diſcharge for hym, as well agaynſte any collectour, that ſhall demaunde the ſame vpon hym rated or taxed, as agaynſte the kynge and all other perſons. And if any perſon that ought to be ſet, by reaſon of his remouynge or reſortynge to two places, or by reaſone of his laiynge, that he is elles where taxed, or by reaſone of any priuiledge, by his dwellynge or abydynge in any place, not beynge forpryſed in this acte: or any other wyſe by his couyn or craſte, happen to eſcape from the yerely aſſeſſynge and be not ſette, and that proued by preſentment and examinacion or informacion before the ſaied commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be by the ſame commiſſion appoynted, or by the barons of the kynges Eſchequer, or two Juſtices of the peace of that countrey where ſuche perſone dwelleth: Than euery ſuche perſon, that by ſuche meanes or other wyſe wylfully by couyn, ſhall happen to eſcape from the aſſeſſynge of the ſaied Subſidie or any of them, and not be rated taxed & ſet, ſhalbe charged vppon the knowlage and proffe therof, with & at the double value that he ſhoulde or ought to haue ben ſet at before, accordynge to his behauour: The ſame double value to be leuyed gathered and payde of his goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, towardes the ſaied Subſidie, and further to be punyſhed accordynge to the diſcrecions of the barons Juſtices or commiſſioners, before whom he ſhalbe cõuicted for his offence and diſcepte in that behalfe.

AND that euery commiſſioner, aſſygned and deputed accordynge to this acte, for the ordrynge of this Subſidie, dwellynge within the precincte and limitte of his commiſſion, for his owne ſubſtaunce in landes and goodes aboue mencioned, ſhall be valued and rated yerely, durynge the ſaied thre yeres, by the examinacion of the ſame commiſſioners of the ſaied ſhyre or place, or by as many of them, as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſaid commiſſion, where the ſame commiſſioner ſo dwelleth or kepeth his houſe, and after ſuche value and rate of him knowen, the ſame commiſſioner, ſo dwellynge within the lymitte of his commiſſion, to be yerely ſet and taxed by the other ſaied commiſſioners: and as well the ſumme vpon hym ſelfe taxed, as the ſummes made by the preſenters ſworne, as is afore ſayde, ſhalbe wrytten and ſet in the extreates therof to be made, with other inhabitauntes of that parties, and ſo to be gathered and leuyed, in lyke maner as it ought or ſhuld haue bene, if the ſaied commiſſioner had not ben in the commiſſion of the place, where he ſo dwelleth.

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¶ AND that all persons of the estate of a baron or barons, & euery estate aboue, shalbe examined and charged of their freholde and values, as is afore saied, before the Chauncellour tresourer of Englande and lorde preuy seale for the tyme beynge, or other persons, by the kynges auctoritee to bee limitted: And they to be charged yerely, duryng the saied thre yeers, after the fourme of the saied graunte, accordynge to theyr examination afore saied. And the summes vpon them sette, with the names of the collectours appoynted for the gatherynge and paiynge of the same, be extreated delyuered & certified at daies and places aboue specified, by the saied Chauncellour treasourer & lorde preuy seale for the tyme beynge, or such other persons as shalbe limitted by the kynges highnesse. And after the taxes and assesses of the saied summes, vppon and by the saied examination and certificat, as is afore saied made, the saied commissioners, or as many of them as shall be there vnto appoynted by the kynges commission: within three werkes nexte ensuynge the feast of sainct Michaell, by the writyng extreated of the saied taxe thereof, vnder the seales and sygnes manuell of the saied commissioners, or of as many of theym as shalbe appoynted at the leaste to be made, shalbe delyuered vnto sufficient and substanciall inhabitauntes, constables, subconstables, bailyffes or other officers ioyntly, of hundredes townes parishes, and other places afore saied, within theyr lymittes, or to other sufficient persons, inhabitantes of the same onely by the discrecion of the same cōmissioners, & as the place & parties shall require, as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money, taxed and set of and vpon euery person, as well man as woman chargeable to this acte, householder, & all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the saied paryshes townes and places contributories to this Subsidie. By auctoritee of whiche writyng or estreate, so delyuered to the saied officers, or other persones so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritee immediatly after the deliueree of the saied writynge or estreate, to demaunde leuie and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same writyng or estreate comprised. And for non payment therof, to distreigne the same person or persōs, so deynge behynde, by their goodes and cattalles: and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eyghte daies: at the costes and charges of the owner therof. And if the saied owner do not paie suche summe of money as shall be taxed by this acte, within the same eyght daies: than the saied dystresse to be appreysed by foure, thre, or two of the inhabitauntes, where suche distresse is taken, and to be solde by the saied constable or other collectour, for the paiment of the said money. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale and kepyng therof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse: which saied officers & other persons, so deputed to aske take gather & leuie the saied summes, shall aunswere and be charged for theyr portions onely to them assigned or limitted, to be gathered leuied and comprysed in the saied writynge or estreate to them as is before saied deliuered:

vnto the vse of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, his heyres & successours: And the said sume in that writynge or estreate comprysed, to pase vnto the high collectour or collectours of that place, for the collection of the sume in maner & fourme vnder wrytten, therunto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes & officers, so gatherynge the same particular summes, for their collection therof, shall retayne for euery.xx.s. so by them receiued and payde. ii.d. that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made to the hygh collectour or collectours.

¶AND FVRTHER be it enacted, by the said auctorite of this present parliament, that the said commissioners, or the more parte of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and busines of the said commission, shall percey duryng the said thre yeres, name certaine sufficient and able persons seuerally by the discrecions of the same commissioners, in shyres, rydynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, citees, townes corporate, and other what so euer places, as well within places priuileged as without, not beynge excepted in this acte, to be high collectours, and haue the collection and receipte of the said summes, set and leuiable within the precyncte limyttes and boundes, where they shall be so limitted to gather and receyue. To euery of the whiche collectours, so seuerally named, the said commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, percey duryng the said thre yeres, within thre wekes nexte after the said holle summe of the said Subsidie be set, by all the limittes of the same their commission, or in suche limittes, as the hyghe collectour shall be soo seuerally assygned, shall vnder their seales and sygnes manuell, delyuer one estreate in parchemente, to euery of the same hyghe collectours comprisynge in it the names of all suche persons, as were assygned to leuie the said particular summes, and the summes of euery hundrede wapentake towne, or other place afore said, accordynge to the estreate, so syght therof (as is before said) delyuered. And the collectour so to be assygned, shall be charged with, euenly concordant and agreynge vnto the hole summe comprysed in the said estreate, ymmitted to his collection, as is before said.

¶AND euery such collectour, so percey deputed, hauyng the said estreat in parchement, as is afore said, shall haue auctorite by this acte, percey duryng the said thre yeres, to appoynt dates and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payement of the said Subsidie to hym to be made: and therof to gyue warnynge by proclamacion, or otherwise, to all the said constables, or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the said particular collection, within the hundredes parysshes townes or other places, by hym or them ymmitted, to make payement for their said particular collection, of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne. And if at the said date and place so limitted and prefyxed by the said collectours, the said constables officers or other persons or inhabitauntes, as is before said, for the said particular collection, appoynted and assygned within suche hundred citee towne or other place, doo not paie vnto the said collectour

lectours the summe within theyr seuerall hundredes townes paryshes and other places, due and comprysed in the sayde estreates therof to them delyuered by the saied commissioners, or some of them, as it is afore saied, or so muche therof, as they haue or myght by any meane resceyue, the sayde .ii.d. of euery pounde, for the said particular collection, as is before said, alwaies to be therof allowed excepted and abated: that than it shall be lawfull to the saied hyghe collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assygnes, to distreigne euery of the saied constables, officers, and other inhabytauntes for their saied seuerall particular collection, of the saied summes comprysed in the saied estreate & writynge therof, to them and euery of them (as is before expressed) deliuered: or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shal happen to be gathered leuyed and behynde vnpaied, by the goodes and cattalles of euery of them, so beyng behynde: and the distresse so taken, to be kepte appreysed and solde, as is afore saied, and thereof to take and leuie the summe, so then beyng behynde vnpaied. And the ouerplus cōmyng of the sale of the saied distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

¶ PROVIDED alwaie, that no persone, inhabyted in any citee borough or towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be a sessour or collectour of or for any parte of the saied subsidie, in any place or places out of the saied citee borough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

¶ And it is also by the saied auctoritee enacted, that if any inhabitaunte or officer, or what so euer persone or persones, charged to or for the collection or resceipt of any parte or porcion of the saied subsidie, in any of the sayde thre yeres, by any maner of meane, accordynge to this acte: or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper gardian deputee factour or attourney, of and for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattalles, and the owner therof, at the tyme of the saied assessynge to be made, beyng out of this realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattalles of any other person or persones, of any fraternitee, guylde, mystery, or other what so euer cominaltee, beyng incorporate or not incorporate: And all persones hauynge in theyr rule gouernaunce or custodie, any goodes or cattalles, at the tyme of the saied assessinge, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule gouernaunce or custody of any goodes or cattalles of any other person or persons, fraternitee, guilde, or misterie, or any suche other lyke: or as factour deputee or attourney, of or for any person, shall be taxed valued rated or set to any sūme or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxacion or assessynge, vpon any suche person or persons, as shall be charged with the resceipte of the same, happen to die, or departe from the place, where he was so taxed and sette, or his goodes and cattalles be so eloyned, or in suche prenie and couerte maner kepte, that the saied person or persons, charged with the same by estreates, or other writynge from the saied cōmissioners, or as many of

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them as shalbe thereunto appoynted, by the saied commission as is afore saied, can ne maie leuie the same summe or summes, comprised within their saied extreates by distresse, within the limittes of their collection, as is before saied: or can not sell suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the saied yerely paymentes before the tyme limytted, the hyghe collectours for his payment to be made in the kynges rescripte: Then upon relacion therof made, with due examinacion, by the othe or examinacion, of suche person or persones, as shalbe charged with and for the rescripte & collection of the same before the cōmissioners, or as many of them, as by the saied cōmission shalbe therunto appoynted, where such person or persons, or other as is afore saied, theyr goodes or cattalles were set or taxed. And upon playne certificate therof, made into the kynges Eschequer by the same commissioners, as well of the dwellynge place names, and summes of the saied persōs, of whom the saied summes can not be leuied & had, as is before said: then as well the said cōstables & other inhabitantes appoynted for the particular collection, against the high collectours, as the high collectour upon his accompte in the saied eschequer to be discharged therof: And processe to be made for the kynge out of the same Eschequier, by the discretion of the barons of the same Eschequier, againste suche person his heyres or executours, so beynge behynde with his paiement. And ouer that the same commissioners, to whome any suche declaracion of the premisses shall be made in fourme afore saied, from tyme to tyme, shall haue full power and auctoritee, duryng the saied thre yeres, to directe their precepte or preceptes unto the saied person or persons, charged with any summe, of for and uppon any suche person or persons, or other, as is aboue saied: or to any shyrriffe stewarde bailiffe or other what so euer officer minister persone or persones, of suche place or places, where any suche persone or persones, so owynge suche summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenementes or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes or cattalles, wherby any suche persone or persones, so indebted, his heyres executoues or assygnes, or other hauynge the custodie gouernaunce or disposition of any goodes cattalles landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this act laufully be distreigned or taken frome the same, haue or shall haue goodes cattalles landes tenementes or other possessions, whereof suche summe or summes, whiche by any suche persone or persones, maie or oughte to be leuyed, bee it within the lymytte of suche commission, where such person or persons was or were taxed, or withoute in any place within this realme of Englande or Wales. By whiche precepte as well suche person or persons, as shalbe charged to leuie suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where suche distresse maie be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritee to distreigne euery suche person indebted charged or chargeable by this acte, or his executours or administratours of his goodes or cattalles, his gardians factours deputees lessees fermours and assygnes, and all other persones, by whose handes, or out of whose

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landes any suche person shuld haue rent fee annuitee or any other profyte, or which at the tyme of the saied assessynges, shall haue goodes or cattalles or any other thyng mouable, of any suche person or persones beynge indebted, or owyng such summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kepte apprysed and solde, in lyke maner and fourme, as is afore saied for the distresse to be taken vpon persons to bee tared to the saied subsidie, & beynge sufficient to distreigne, within the lymyttes of the collectours inhabitantes or other officers, charged vñ or for the same sommes, so vp ō them to be tared. And if any suche distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limitte of the persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persones so charged for the leuie of euery such summe by distresse, shall perceyue and take of the same distresse for the labour of euery person goynge for the execucion therof, for euery myle that any such person so laboreth for the same ii. d. And euery fermour tenaunt gardian factour or other what so euer person, beynge distreigned or otherwise charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this act: shalbe of such summe or summes, of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of payemente of the same, or at the deliuerce of suche goodes and cattalles, as he that is so distreygned had in his custody or gouernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shall be so tared and set: any graunt or writynge obligatorie, or other what so euer matter, to the contrary made here tofore not withstandynge. And if any suche person, that shoulde be so distreigned, haue no landes nor tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his tenauntes and fermours maie be distreygned: or haue eloyned aliened or hydde his goodes and cattalles, whereby he shuld or myght be distreigned, in such maner, that such goodes & cattalles shall not be knowen or found: so that the summe of or by hym to be paied in the saied fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuyed: Then vpon relacion therof vnto the cōmissioners, or to as many of them as by the saied cōmission shalbe therevnto appoynted, where such person or persons was tared and sette, by the othes of hym or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes: the same comissioners shall make a precepte in suche maner as is afore said, for to attache take and arest the body of suche person or persons, that ought to paye the saied sommes, and by this act shalbe charged with and for the same summe or summes, and them so taken sauffely to kepe in the prison within the shyre, or other places, where any suche person or persons shalbe taken or attached: there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vn to he haue paied the summe or summes, that suche persons for hym selfe, or for any other by this acte shalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged withall. And also for the fees of euery suche arestе, to hym or them that shall execute such precept. xx. d. And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shall be directed, do his trewe diligence to execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indebted, vpon peyne to forfaite to our saied soueraygne lorde the king, for euery default in that behalfe. xx. ℔. And that no keper of any gayle

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from his gaile suffre any such person to go at large, by lettynge to baile or otherwise to departe out of his prison, before he haue pated his saied debte, & the saied .xx.li. for the saied arest, vpon peine to forfait to our soueraygne lorde .xl.li. And the same gayloure to pate vnto our saied soueraigne lorde the double summe, as well of the rate, which the saied person so imprisoned, was tared at, as of the saied .xx.li. for the fees. And like processe and remedy in like fourme shalbe graunted by the commissioners, or as many of theym as by the saied cõmission shalbe therunto appoynted, at lyke informacion of euery person or persons, beynge charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons, by reason of the said subsidie, euery of the said thre yeres, and not therof pated, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limitte, where suche person was therunto tared.

¶ And if the summe or summes, beyng behynde vnpated by any persone or persons, as is before saied, be leuied and gathered by force of the saied processe, to be made by the same commissioners, or if in defaulte or for lacke of paiement therof, the person or persons so owynge the saied summe or summes of money, by processe of the same commissioners, to bee made as is aforesaied, be cõmitted to prison in fourme aboue saied: That then the same commissioners, whiche shall awarde suche processe, shall make certificate therof, in the saied Eschequer, of that shall be done in the premisses, in the terme nexte folowyng, after such summe or summes of money, so beyng behynde, shalbe leuyed & gathered, or suche persone or persons, for none paiement of the same, committed to prison.

¶ AND IF it happen any of the saied collectours, so to bee assygned or any Mayre shyrefe stewarde constable, the head borowghes householder, baylife, or any other officer or minister or other what so euer person or persons, to disobey the saied commissioners, or any of theym, in the reasonable requeste to theym made by the saied commissioners, for perely execucion of the saied commission, duryng the saied thre yeres: or if any of the officers or other persons, do refuse that to them shall appertaine or belonge to doe, by reason of any precepte to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable cõmaundement instance or requeste touchynge the premisses, or other defaulte in any apparaunce, or collection to make, or if any person beynge suspecte, or not to be indifferently tared, as is afore saied, do refuse to be examined, accordyng to this acte, before the saied commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto assigned, as is afore saied, or wyll not appere before the same commissioners, vpon warnynge to him made, or els make resistaunce or rescous vpon any distresse, vpon hym to be taken, for any parcell of the saied Subsidie, or committe any misdehauiour in any maner of wyse contrarie to this acte, or committe any wylfull omission, or other what so euer wylfull non doynge, or misdoing, contrarie to the tenour of this acte or graunt: The same cõmissioners, and euery numbre of them aboue remembred, vnto two of them at the least, vpon probable knowlage of any suche misdemeanours had by informacion or examinacion, shall

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or do set vpon euery suche offendour, for euery suche offence, in name of fyne, by the same offendour to be forfaited. xx. s. or vnder, by the discretion of the same commissioners.

¶ AND FVRTHER the saied commissioners, & euery nombre of them, vnto two of them at the least, haue auctorite by this present parliament, to punyshe euery suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to theym conuenient: The saied fynes (if any suche be) to be certified by the saied commissioners, that so assessed the same, in to the saied kynges Eschequier, there to be leuyed and payde, by the collectours of that partees for the saied Subsidie, retourned into the saied Eschequer, to be therwith charged with the payement of the saied Subsidie, in suche maner, as yf the saied fynes had bene set and taxed vpon the saied offendours for the saied subsidie.

¶ It is also enacted by the said auctorite of this present parliament, that euery of the saied highe collectours, whiche shall accompte for any parte of the saied Subsidie, in the kynges Eschequer. vpon theyr seuerall sayde accomptes to be yelden, shall be allowed yerely, duryng the saied thre yeres for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche collectour, shalbe charged and yelde accrompte. vi. d. as parcell of theyr saied charge: That is to saie. ii. d. of euery pound therof for suche persons as then haue had the particular collection in the townes and other places, as is afore sayde, specified in his collection: And other. ii. d. of euery pounde thereof, euery of the same chiefe collectours, there accomptaunt, to receyue to theyr owne vse, for theyr labour and charge in and aboute the premisses: And ii. d. of euery pound residue, to be deliuered allowed and paid by the said collectours, so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the commissioners as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for & about the premisses: That is to saie, euery collectour to paye that commissioner or commissioners, whiche had the orderyng and the writynges for the saied Subsidie, where the saied collectour or collectours hadde theyr collection, for expences of the sayde commissioners, so takyng vpon theim the saied busines & labour, of theyr clerkes writynge the saied preceptes and estreates for the saied collections, the same last. ii. d. of euery pounde, to be deuided amongest the sayd cõmissioners, hauyng regard to the labour and busines, taken by them & their saied clerkes, in and about the premisses. For whiche parte so to the saied commissioners atteynynge, the saied commissioners, sire, fiue, foure, thre, or as many of them, as shall be therevnto appoynted by the kynges commission, and euery of them toyntly and seuerally, for his or theyr sayde parte, may haue his remedy agaynste the sayde collectour or collectours, whiche therof ben or might haue be allowed, by action of debte, in which the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nayther protection or essoyne shalbe allowed.

¶ AND that no person nowe beyng of the numbre of the company of this present parliament, nor any commissioners, shalbe named or assigned, to be any

be any collectour subcollectour or presentour of the said subsidie, or of any part therof: For no commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the kynges Eschequer, of for or concernyng the sayde subsidie, or any part therof, in any of the sayde three yeres. And likewyse that none other person, that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioner in any place, to and for the execution of this acte of subsidie, in any of the said three yeres, be or shalbe assigned or named head collectour, in any of the same three yeres, of the sayde subsidie, neyther of any parte therof. And that euery suche person or persons, whiche shalbe named or appoynted, as is aforesaied, to be head collectours, in and for one of the said three yeres, shall not be compelled to be collectour for any other of the said three yeres.

¶ AND the said collectours, whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the said subsidie, or for any parte therof, and euery of them, be and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner fees rewardes, and of euery other charge in the kynges Eschequer or els where, of theym or any of them, by reason of that collection paiement or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be asked.

¶ AND after the taxyng and assessyng of the sayd yerely subsidie, as is before said had and made, and the sayde estreates therof in parchement vnto the collectours, in maner and fourme before rehersed, deliuered. the sayd commissioners, whiche shall take vpon them the execucion of this acte, within the limittes of their commission, by their agreement shall haue metynges together: at whiche metynge euery of the said commissioners, whiche than shall haue taken vpon them the execucion of any parte of the said commission, shall by hym selfe, or his sufficient deputie, truely certifie & bryng forthe vnto the other commissioners, named in the same commission, the certificate and presentment made before hym, and such other commissioners as were limitted with hym in one limitte: so that the same certificates may be accompted and caste with other certificates, of the other limittes within the same commission: And then the said commissioners, and euery nombre of them, vnto two at the lest, as is afore said, yf they be in lyfe, or theyr executours, or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then deade, shall joyntly and seuerally, as they were deuided with in their limittes, vnder theyr seales, yerely durynge the sayde three yeres, by theyr discrecion, make one or seuerall writynges indented, conteynynge in it as well the names of the sayd collectours, by the commissioners, for suche collection and accompt in the Eschequer, and payment in the sayde Receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes, written vnto euery suche collectour to receiue the sayde subsydie. And also all fynes amerciamentes and other forfaitures, if any suche (by reason of this acte) happen to bee within the precincte and limitte of theyr commission, to be certified in to the kynges Eschequer by the said commissioners yerely durynge the said three yeres, by the said. xvi. daye of Nouembre. In whiche writyng or writinges indented

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so to be certified, shall be playnely declared and expressed, as well the holle and entier summe and summes of the saied subsidie, severally limitted to the collection of the saied collectours, as the names of the saied collectours severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the saied summes: so that none of the saied collectours, so certified in the saied Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompte, or to be charged: but onely to and for the summe limitted to his collection: and not to or for any summe limitted to the collections of his felowes, but that every of them shall be severally charged for theyr partes limitted to their collection. And if the saied commissioners, joyned in one commission amongst them selues, in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners may make severall indentures in fourme aforesaied, of their severall limittes or separacions of collectours, within the limittes of their commission, vppon and in the hundredes wardes wapentakes lathes rapes or suche like deuisions within theyr saied severall limittes of theyr saied commission, as the places there shall requier to be severed and deuided, as to the same commissioners shall seme to make deuisions of theyr limittes or collections, for the severall charges of the collectours: so that alwaie one collectour shall ber charged, and accompte for his parte to hym to be limitted onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the parte of any of his felowes: And the charge of every of the same collectours to be set and certified severally vpon them. And every suche collectour, vppon his accompte, and payment of the summes of money limitted within his collection, to be severally by hym selfe acquited and discharged in the saied Exchequer without paiynge any maner of fees or rewardes, to any person or persones for the same: and not to be charged for any portion of any other collectours.

¶ AND if any commissioner, after he hathe taken certificate of theym that (as is afore saied) shall before any suche cõmissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bokes and writynges therof beyng in his handes: or if any collectour, or other person charged with any receipte of any parte of any of the saied subsidie, or any other person taxed, or other wyse by this acte charged with and for any parcels of the saied subsidie, or with any other summes for fyne amerciamente penaltie, or other forfaiture, happen to dye before suche commissioner collectour or other what soo euer person or persons, haue executed accomplyshed satisfied, or sufficiently discharged it, which to euery such person shall appertayne or belong to do: according to this acte: Then the saied executours and heires of euery suche person: and all other, seysed of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beynge charged by this acte and deceassyng before he be discharged therof, or any other to his vse onely had of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any suche person was named commissioner collectour, or in any otherwise charged, with and for any maner of thynge, to be done satisfied or paied by reason of this acte. And all those that haue in theyr possessions

or handes, any goodes or cattalles, that were to any suche persone at the tyme of his deathe landes or tenementes, that were the same persons at the tyme that he was (as is afore said) charged by this act: shalbe by the same compelled and charged, to do and accomplyshe in euery case, as the same person, so beyng charged, shuld haue done, and might haue ben compelled to do, if he had bene in plaine life, after suche rate of the landes and goodes of the said cõmissioner or collectour, as the partie shall haue in his handes.

¶ AND if the same commissioners, for causes reasonable them mouynge, shall thynke it not cõuenient, to ioyne in one certificat, as is before said: then the said person or persons, that shall fyrste ioyne together, or he that shall fyrste certifie the saied writynge indented, as is afore saied, shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherupon suche writynge shalbe there then to be certified, with deuisions of the hundredes wapentakes wardes tithynges or other place, to and amonge suche commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same commissioners, where such separacions or deuisiõs shalbe, with the grosse sũmes of money, as well of and for the saied subsidie, taxed or sette, of or within the saied hundredes wardes wapentakes, or other places to hym or them deuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the saied fyrste writynge, as of fynes amerciamentes penalties & other forfaytures, if any happen to be within the same limittes, wherof the same writynges shall be so certifyed. And after suche one writynge indented, whiche (as is afore said) shalbe certified and not cõteyne in it the hole and full summes, sette and taxed within the lymittes of the same commission, The other commissioners of the same, euery of the saied thre peres, at the saied .xvi. date of Nouembre percely, or within foure daies than nexte immediatly folowynge, shall certifie into the saied Eschequer, by theyr writyng or writynges indented, to be made as is before said, the grosse & seuerall summes set & taxed within the places to them lymitted for the saied subsidie & other fines amerciamentes penalties & forfaytures, with the names of the hundredes wardes wapentakes and other places to them assygned. Or els by theyr saied writyng indented to certifie at the said place: by the said .xvi. date of Nouembre, or within .viii. daies, nexte folowynge: reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificat, of and for the saied subsidie, with fynes amerciamentes penalties and other forfaitures growynge or set by reasone of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr non certifiynge, as is aboue saied, or els in defaulte therof, proces to be made out of the kynges Eschequer agaynste the saied commissioners, and euery of theym, not makynge certificate, as is afore saied, by the discretion of the treasourer and barons of the saied Eschequer.

¶ AND be it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, by the assente of the lordes spirituall & temporall, & the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, & by the auctoryte of the same, that as well all suche persons as shall haue any collection or receipt of the saied subsidie, or any part therof, at the Receiptes of the kynge our soueraigne lorde, of his Eschequer or els

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where in any other place or places within this realme of England & Wales, as all other the kynges subiectes, shall at all & euery tyme here after from hensforthe, and from the feaste of the purification of our lady nexte ensuynge, by the space of one hole yere nexte folowynge, take and not refuse in any payment, any ducates, crowues, crusadowes, or any other golde coyned in the partees beyonde the sea, bearynge their true weight, accordynge to suche value, as was lymitted by the laste proclamacion therof made the xxvii. day of Marche, in the. xxx. yere of the reigne of our saied soueraygne lorde the kyng. And if any person hereafter, that shall haue the resceipte or any collection of the saied subsidie, or of any parte therof, to the vse of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, at the receipte of his Eschequier or els where in any shyre rydyng citee towne or other place, do refuse or denie to take in paiment of the saied subsidie, or any parte or parcell therof, golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, if any refusell of any suche golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, be had in the saied Resceipte, or elles where, contrarye to the proclamacions thereof made, as is afore saied, and that proued by witnesse infourmacion examinacion or otherwyse, before the kynges iustices of eyther benche, or before the barons of his Eschequer or any of them: or if any suche refusell of any suche gold, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them be had by any collectour or other person, hauynge the gatherynge of the saied subsidie, or of any parte therof, in any shyre ridynge citee towne or other place, and that the refusell (as is afore saied) dee proued by wytnesse infourmacion examinacion or otherwise, before any iustices of peace, maire, baylyffe or other hed officer of that shyre ridynge citee towne or other place, where suche refusell is had: Then the persone or persones, that so offered and tended the saied golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennyes, or any of them, that shalbe so refused in dede, shalbe of that summe so tended and refused, quiete and discharged by this act, againste our soueraigne lorde the kynge. And the other persone or persons, that refused the same, in lyke wyse as if he had paied the same gold grotes, halfe grotes, or pennyes, or any of theym, without any bylle taile or other discharge therof to be had or shewed. And the saied receyuour collectour or other person, that shall refuse the said golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, shall be charged with the summes so by hym refused, to and agaynste our saied soueraygne lorde, in lyke fourme as if he had resceiued the same summe in deede.

¶ And that all and euery other person & persons, shall resceyue & take the saied goldes, grotes, halfe grotes, & pennies, or any of them, after the rates and value therof. & as the saied goldes, grotes, halfe grotes, & pennyes, or any of them, be coyned for and nowe currant, as well of & by the officers of our said soueraigne lord, as of euery other person or persons, in all resceyptes and paymentes from henseforth to be made or had, vppon peine of imprisonment of euery person refusynge suche goldes, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, or otherwyse to be punished by the discrecion of

the iustices of peace mayres shireffes baylyffes or other head officers of euery shyre citee borough or towne within this realme.

¶PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted by auctoritee afore saied, that the inhabitauntes of the parysshe of saincte Martyne called Staunforde Baron, in the suburbes of the borroughe & towne of Staunforde on the southe parte of the water there called welande, whiche hereafter shall be contributories to the payment of this present subsidie graunted to the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shall be assessed rated and taxed for this tyme, by suche commissioners: whiche shall be appoynted for the ratinge and sessynge of suche subsidie or taxe within the counter of Lincolne: and shalbe for this tyme contributories, & paie the saied subsidie, to the collectour or collectours, whiche shalbe assygned and appoynted for the leuynge and gatherynge of the same, with the aldermen & burgesses of the said borough and towne of Staunforde.

¶PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that euery person and persons, haynge any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the subsidie, graunted to the kynges maiestee by this acte, and also haynge spirituall possessions chargeable to his saied maiestee by the graunt made by the clergie of this realme in theyr conuocation, and ouer this haynge substaunce in goodes and cattalles, chargeable by this saied acte: that then if any of the saied person or persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed for the saied manours landes and tenementes & spirituall possessions, and also assessed charged and taxed for his or theyr goodes and cattals: that then he or they shalbe onely charged by the vertue of this acte: for his or theyr saied manours landes tenementes hereditamentes or spirituall possessions, or onely for his saied goodes & cattalles. The beste of all to be taken for the kynge, and not to be charged for bothe, or double charged for any of them. Any thinge in this acte contened to the contrary herof not withstandyng.

¶PROVIDED also, that this graunte of subsidie, nor any other thing therin contened, do in anywise extende to charge the inhabytauntes or dwellers within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, and the marches of the same, Jernesey & Garnesey, or any of them, of for or concernyng any manours landes tenementes or other possessions, gooddes cattals or other mouable substaunce, which the said inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, or other marches of the same, Jernesey, & Garnesey, or in any of them: Or of for or concernynge any fees or wages, whiche any of the saied inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of our soueraigne lorde the kynge, for theyr attendaunce and doyng seruice to our saied soueraigne lorde in Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guisnes, and the marches of the same, Jernesey and Garnesey, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present acte to the cõtrary not withstandyng.

¶Prouided also, that the saied graunte of subsidie, in fourme afore saied to be taxed and leuied, nor the saied subsidie, nor any part therof, in any

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maner of wyse extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fyue portes corporate or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to any of the same fyue portes, of or for any part or parcell of the said summes, graunted in this present parliamente, of the said inhabitauntes nowe resiauntes, or any of them, to be taxed set asised leuied or paied, but that the said inhabitauntes and now resiauntes of the said fyue portes & their membres, and euery of them, be & shalbe of and from the said graut & paiement of the said subsidie, and of & from euery part and parell of the same, acquited & discharged: Any matter, or what so euer other thyng in this present acte made or had, to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this present acte of subsidie, ne any other thyng therin comprised, extende to any of the englyshe inhabitauntes or resiauntes, in any of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Berwike, the towne of Newcastell vppon Tyne, and the bysshoprike of Duresham, nor to any of them, of for or concernynge any manours landes tenementes or other possessions, goodes, cattalles, or other mouable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwelliers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within the same couties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerland, or the towne of Berwike, the towne of Newcastell vppon Tyne, or the bisshoprike of Duresham, or any of them, or of for or concernyng any fees or wages, which any of the same inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of our souerayne lorde the kyng, for their attendaūce and doing seruice to our said souerayne lorde the kynge, in the said couties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Berwyke, the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, & the bisshoprike of Duresham, or in any of them, of to or for the said taxing leuyng gatherynge or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes, and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the said counties bisshoprike and townes, and of euery of them, shalbe of and from the said subsidie, and of euery parcell therof, of and for theyr manours landes tenementes fees and wages goodes and cattalles lyuyng and beyng in the same counties townes and bysshoprike, or any of them vtterly acquited and discharged. Any thynge in this present acte before rehersed, to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided that all letters patentes, graunted by the kynges highnesse, or any of his most noble progenitours, to any cities boroughes or townes within this realme, of any maner of liberties priuileges, or exempcions, from the burdeyne & charge of any suche graūtes of subsidies, whiche be at this present tyme in force and laplable: shall remayne good and effectuall to the said cities boroughes and townes hereafter, accordynge to the purportes therof. though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vpon the great and weighti cōsideraūs, of the kinges maiesties great & inestimable charges before expressed, be for this graunte charged and contributorie, in lyke maner and sorte as all other cities boroughes & townes, whiche be not in any wyse so priuileged, or from suche grauntes of subsidies excepted.

An acte for the subsidie graunted of the Clergye.

WHERE THE prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Caunturburye haue louyngely and liberally, for certeyne consideracions, geuen and graunted to the kynges maiestee, a subsidie of sixe shillynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and syngular the spirituall promocions within the same prouince, duryng the terme of three yeres nowe nexte ensuynge, in suche certeyne maner and fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions, specifyed and conteyned in a certeyne instrumente by theym therof made, and deliuered to the kynges highnesse vnder the seale of the archebishoppe of Caunturbury, as in the same instrument, exhibited in this present parliament more playnly dothe appere. The tenour wherof ensueth in these wordes.

THE prelates and clergye of the prouince of Caunturburye, callyng to remembraunce, not only the greatte costes and charges, that the kynges highnesse hath bene at of late, in the mainteinyng of a great army in Scotlande, for the defence and publique wealthe of this realme, but also the great & vrgent occasions, whiche his maiestee hath at this present, to be at the lyke costes & charges or rather muche more, not onely in warres to be had agaynste Scotlande, but also in diuers and many other affayres for the publique wealthe of this realme, and all his louynge subiectes of the same: haue of theyr owne mere louynge tendre mynde & good will, geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte vnto the kynges maiestee, a subsidie towardes his saied charges in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saie, that euery Archebyshop, byshop, deane, archedeacon, prebendarye, prouost, mayster of colledges, mayster of hospytals, persone, vicare, chauntrie preest, and euery other person and persons, of what so euer name or degree he or they be, enioyinge any spirituall promocion, or other temporall possessions to the same spirituall promocion annexed, nowe not deuyded or separate by acte of parlyament or otherwyse, from the possession of the clergie, shall paie to the kynges highnesse for euery pounde that he maie yerely spende by reasone of the saied spirituall promocion, the summe of six shyllynges sterlynge. And for the true and certein knowledge of the yerely values of the saied promocions and euery of them, wherof the paiement shulde be made, the rate taxacion valuacion and estimacion remaynynge of recorde in the kynges courte of the fyrste fruites and tenth, for the paiement of perpetuall dysme cōcernyng all suche promocions, as yet be in possession of the clergye, or any other not yet deuyded by acte of parliament, or otherwyse, as is aforsaid, shalbe folowed and obserued without makyng any valuacion rate taxacion or estimacion, other then in the saied recorde is comprehended.

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¶ Prouided alwaies, that for as much as the tenth parte of the said valuacion and taxe before mencioned, is yerely paied to the kynges highnes for the perpetuall dysme, so as there remaynyth onely nyne partes to thincumbent clere. This subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounde shalbe understande of the said nyne partes and no more. ¶ Prouided alwaie, that no persone, that is alredye promoted vnto any spirituall benefyce, sithen Christmas daie last paste before the date hereof, or that shall be hereafter promoted vnto any spirituall benefyce on this syde Christmas daie, whyche shall be in the yere of our lorde God, M. CCCCC. xlv. shall be contributour or charged with any parte of this subsidie, during the fyrst yere of his said promocion.

¶ The said prelates and clergie also graunte, that this subsidie of. iiii. s. of the pound, of the yerely cleare value of euery promocion taxed as afore, shall be paied to the kynges maiestie within thre yeres nexte ensuynge the date herof, at the receipte of his graces Treasourer of his courte of tenthe and fyrste fruites, or of any other person or persones, whome it shall please the kynges highnes to appoynte therevnto, that is to saye, two. s. of euery pounde, in euery of the said thre yeres, at suche daies and tyme of the yere, as the perpetuall dysme is nowe, by tenour of the act of parliament ordered to be contented and paied.

¶ The said prelates and clergie also graunte, that euery preest, hauynge a pencion by reason of the dissolucion of any of the late monasteries colledges or hospitalles, or any other incorporacion within the said prouynce of Canturbury, shall lykewyse paye to the kynges highnesse. vi. s. of euery pounde, of theyr said pencions, within the sayde three yeres, at suche daie and tyme, as is before specified. And that for the sure paiement thereof, a deduction and retencion of the sayde syxe. s. be made in the handes of the payers of the said pencion, after the proporcion of. ii. s. of the pound, eche of the said three yeres, to be deliuered and paied to the kynges vse, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the subsidie of. vi. s. afore said shalbe paied vnto. The said prelates and clergie also graunte, that euery preest, receyuynge annuall stipende, beynge no perpetuitee, within the said prouince, shall paie vnto the kynges graces vse. vi. s. viii. pens, in euery of the said three yeres, at the same daies, and vnder the same penalties, as the reste of the clergie do paie for theyr promocions. The said prelates and clergye further graunte, that euery Archebishop and bysshope, and the see beynge vacant, euery deane & chapiter of that see boyde, shall be collectours of this subsidie within theyr vper diocesse. And for the better recouerye of the said collection, the said prelates and clergie humbly beseechen, that they maie haue full power and auctoritee by the kynges maiestee and the parliament, to vse all suche waies meanes and processe, as be prescribed in the act of the perpetuall dysme, for the collection and leuynge of the same, and shall accompte therof before the chauncellour or treasourer and other officers of the same courte of fyrste fruites and tenth, or in such other place, as it shall please the kynges highnes to appoynt, in suche wise, & after suche fourme

onely, as the saied archebyshop and byshops be nowe charged for the collection of the perpetuall dysme, wherby is ment, how the lacke and defaulte of paiement of and for any particuler promocion, shall onely charge thyncumbent, and suche as be bounde to paie the same. And that vppon suche peynes as be prouided in that acte of perpetuall dysme agaynste them that make defaulte in that behaulfe. And that the archebyshop byshop of deane and chapiters gatheryng that they can receyue, and makyng paiement therof, shall for the reste not by them receyued, be discharged: by their certificat made in suche fourme and facion, as in the acte of perpetuall dysme is limitted and prescribed, and .vi.d. of euery pounde, wherewith the collectours shalbe charged in his accompte, clerely to be paied in to the saied rescripte, or in suche other place as it shall pleale the kynges highnelle to appoynte, shalbe allowed to the same collectour for his saied accompt of the same, for the charges of the collection portage saulfe conueyng and paiyng of the saied subsidie.

Prouided alwaies, that this subsidie graunted by the clergie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice or colledge, stuate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde or Cambrydge, or of any benefice or other reuenues vnto any colledge of Oxforde or Cambrydge vnited or appropried, or of the colledge of Eton nygh wyndesore, or of the colledge of Winchestre, founded by William Wykeham, sometyme byshop of wynchestre, or of any other churche or benefice, or other reuenues to the saied colledges, or to any of them annexed appropried or otherwise appertainyng.

Prouided alwaies, that no spirituall promocion, or any landes or reuenues annexed to the same, beynge charged by this graunt or acte of the prouince of Canturbury, shalbe charged or made contributorie to any fyfteene or other subsidie alredy graunted to the kynges highnelle, of the laye fee, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of the saied thre yeres.

Also the saied prelates and clergie of the saied prouynce of Caunturbury, do condiscende and agree, that the archebyshop of Caunturbury, shall in gayre the true value of the yerely reuenues of the newe erected byshoppes, within the saied prouynce of Caunturbury, and the same shall certifie before Christmas day next commynge, vnto the courte of the fyfte fruites and renthe: there to remayne recorded. And that the byshe euery archebyshop & byshop shall enquire of euery deane wardein maister prechers prebendary and petie canon of his owne cathedrall or collegiate churches, newely erecte within his dioces, of the true value of their spirituall promocions, growynge and ryspnge vnto euery of them of the prelates and reuenues of the saied new erected cathedrall churches and colledges, wherein they be intituled: And the same value shall certifie before the saied Christmas date into the saied courte of renthe and fyfte fruites, there to remayne of record. And that euery of the saied newe erected byshoppes deanes prebendaries petie canons and prechers shall be charged to this subsidie for their owne portions onely, therof to paye, vi.s. of the pounde, within the

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saied thre yeres, as is aboue reherſed of other byſſhoppes and ſpirituall perſons. And thoſe porcions of rentes and reuennues, whiche the kynges hyghnes hath gruen vnto theym for the maintenaunce of poore men, grāmarions, queresters, ſtudentes, and other officers and miniſters, not to be charged with any parte of this ſubſidie.

¶ Prouided alſo that euery perſone vicare or other ſpirituall man, patepoge a pencion to his predeceſſour, ſhall and may retayne two ſhyllynges of euery pounde of euery ſuche pencion, euery yere durynge the saied thre yeres, to his owne reliefe, in conſideracion that he is charged to paie this ſubſidie of. vi. s. of the pounde, out of euery pounde of the hole value of his promocion.

¶ And for the ſure and true paiement of the saied ſubſidie graunted by the saied prelates and clergie of the saied prouince of Canturburye, accordyng to the tenour effecte and true meanynge of the saied Inſtrumente: Be it enacted by the kynges hyghneſſe, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and of the cōmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame, that the saied gyfte and graunte, and euery matter, ſumme of money clauſe and ſentence in the saied inſtrument conteined, be ratified eſtabliſhed and confyrmed by auctorite afore saied.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, by the auctorite of this preſent parliament, that euery perſone, that ſhalbe appoynted to the collection and gatherynge of the saied ſubſidie, ſhall haue full power and auctorite, to leuie take and perceiue the ſame ſubſidie, by auctorite of the Cenſures of the churche, or by diſtreſſe, vppon the poſſeſſion of the fermours or owners of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by this acte, for or to the paiement of any ſumme or ſummes of money, or otherwyſe by the diſcretion of the Collectours therof. And that no replegie prohibicion or ſupерſedeas ſhall be allowed or obeyed for any perſon or perſones, makyng defaulte of paiement of the saied ſubſidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunte therof, vntyll ſuche tyme as they haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuche parte and porcion, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery ſuche fermour or fermours, that ſhall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the paiement, or any parte of the saied ſubſidie, ſhall by the auctorite afore saied, be allowed and retaine in his handes as muche of his yerely ferme and rente, as the ſumme, whiche he ſhall fortune to paye to his lorde or leſſour, ſhall extende and amounte vnto: Any writyng couenaunt bonde or other thynge had or made to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

And for the leuynge of the saied Subſidie of. vi. s. of the pounde, and for the yerely pencions, whiche any preeſt, or other perſone or perſons, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious perſons, do or ſhall receyue at the court of the augmentacions, The chancellour of the ſame court for the tyme beynge, ſhall yerely, durynge the saied thre yeres, do or retayne in his handes, or cauſe to bee detayned or retayned in the handes of other the officers and miniſters of the ſame courte, to the kynges vſe, for euery

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pound of the same pencions. ii.s. And it shall well and truely paie or cause to be paied in the saied courte of the tenth and fyrst fruites, or els where the kynges hyghnes shall appoynte, without any delaie or charge to bee made or susteined in that behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee afore saied, that euery other person or persons, which paie or be chargeable to paie any yerely rente pencion or pencions, to any preest or other person or persons, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious persons, charheable to the payement of the saied subsidie: that euery such person and persons, whiche do so paie, or heraftee shall pay any of the saied yerely rentes pencion or pencions, shall not onely, duryng the saied thre yeres, retayne in his handes yerely to the kynges vse, for euery pound of the same yerely rentes pencion or pencions. ii. s. and the same well and truely paye or cause to be payed yerely, duryng the same thre yeres, vnto the ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the collectours of the saied subsidie there to the kynges vse: but also shall yerely, duryng the same thre yeres, before the feaste of the byrthe of oure lorde god, certifie vnder his or their seale or seales, vnto the saied courte of the tenthe and fyrste fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges highnes to appoynte, the names and surnames of all & synguler such preestes or other persons religious, or heretofore taken for religious persons, as is aforesaid, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they or any of them be intituled to haue or receyue yerely, as is afore saied. And that the chauncellour for the tyme beyng, of the kinges courte of augmentacions of the reuennes of the kynges crowne, shall likewyse yerely, duryng the saied thre yeres, before the feaste of the byrthe of our lorde god, certifie vnder the seale of the same courte, not onely the names and surnames of all and synguler preestes and other persones, chargeable for their saied seuerall rentes and yerely pencions to the payement of the saied subsidie in the saied court of the tenthe and fyrste fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges maiestee to appoynt: but also the true and iuste yerely summe and summes of the same yerely rentes or pencions, with the names and surnames of the persones chargeable to the payment therof. And that the archebishop and bishop of euery dioces within the saied prouynce of Canturbury, shall yerely, duryng the saied thre yeres, before the said feaste of the byrth of our lorde god, certifie vnder his seale in the saied court of the tenthe and fyrst fruites, or els where it shall please the kynge to appoynte, the names and surnames of all and synguler stipendarie preestes, beyng within any of their dioces, chargeable to the payement of the saied subsidie, as is afore saied: and also the names and surnames of euery such person and persons, with whome he or they do dwell and take any stipende or wages.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaied, that euery suche person or persons, whiche within the saied thre yeres shall giue and pay any stipende or wages to any suche preest, as is afore saied, shall for the insufficiencie or defaulte of euery of the seme preest or preestes, beynge in seruice

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or wages with hym at the feaste of the byrthe of our lorde god, be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of. vi. s. viii. d. for the same yere.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctorite afore saied, that the saied archbyshop byshoppes and all other persons, chargeable to and with the collection of the saied subsidie of. vi. s. the pound, within the saied prouince of Canturbury, shall haue vppon euery payment thereof made in the kynges courte of the tenthe and fyrst fruites, or els where the kynges maiestee shall appoynte, a sufficient acquitance in writing of such person or persones, as the kynges maiestee shall appoynt for the receipte therof: the same acquietance witnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the same subsidie, as shalbe by any of them so receyued: And euery such acquietance in writynge sealed and subscribed with the name or names of euery suche person or persons, that so by the kynges appoyntmente shall receyue any of the saied summes of money, shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by act of parliament. And that euery person and persons whiche shall haue and receyue any suche acquietaunce, shall paie but onely two pens for euery of the same acquitaunces.

¶ Be it also enacted by thauctoritee afore saied, that all and euery graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kynges byghnes, by the clergy of the prouynce of yorke, shalbe of the same strength force and effecte in all thinges, as the saied graunte made by the saied prouynce of Canturburye, and shall bee rated certified collected gathered and leuied, accordynge to the tenoure fourme and effect of this present act of parliament, to all intentes constructions and purposes, in such maner, as though it were specially playnely & particularly expressed and rehersed in this presente acte by expresse wordes termes and sentences in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

¶ PROVIDED alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritee afore saied, that euery laie persone, haupnge any spirituall promocion chargeable by this acte, And also haupnge temporall possessions goodes cattalles & debtes, chargeable to the subsidie graunted by the temporaltee, shalbe charged rated and set for his saied spirituall promocion with the clergye, and for his temporall possessions goodes and cattalles, with the temporaltee, and not otherwyse.

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AN ACTE FOR CERTAYNE ORdinaunces in the kynges maiestees dominion and principalitee of VVales.

OVr soueraigne lorde the kynges maiestee of his tender zele and affection, that he beareth towardes his lovynge and obedient subiectes of his dominion principalitee and countrey of wales, for good rule and order to be frome henseforth kepte and maintegned within the same, whereby his saied subiectes male growe and arise to more welth and prosperitee, hath deuised and made diuerse sundrye good and necessarye ordinaunces, whiche his maiestee, of his most abundaunt goodnes, at the humble suite and peticion of his saied subiectes of wales, is pleased and contented, to be enacted. by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme, as hereafter ensueth.

FYRST THAT his graces saied dominion principalitee and countreye of wales, be frome henseforth deuided into. xii. shires, of the which. viii. haue ben shyres of longe and auncient tyme, that is to saie: the shyres of Glamorgan, Caermarthin, Pembroke, Cardigan, Flynt, Caernaruan, Angiesey, & Merrionneth. And foure of the saied twelue shyres be newly made and ordeined to bee shyres, by an acte made at the parliament, holden at west mynster, in the. xxvii. yere of our saied soueraigne lordes moost noble reygne: that is to saie, the shyres of Radnor, Brecknok, Mountgomery, and Denbigh. ouer and beslydes, the shire of Mommoth, and diuers other dominions, lordshyppes and manours, in the marches of wales, vnited and annexed to the shyres of Salop, Herforde, and Glouceftre, as by the saied late acte more playnely appereth.

¶ Item that the limitacions, of the hundredes, of late made within the saied shyres, by vertue of his graces commission, directed out of his hyghe court of Chauncery, and agayne returned in to the same, shall stande in full strength, force and effecte, accordynge to the saied limitation: Except suche of the same, as syth that tyme haue ben altered or chaunged, by vertue of any acte, or actes of parliament alredy made, or that shalbe altered or chaunged, by any acte, or actes, in this presente session to be made.

¶ Item that there shalbe and remayne a President and counsaile in the saied dominion and principalitee of wales, and the marches of the same, with all officers, clerkes, and incidentes to the same, in maner and fourme as hath ben heretofore vsed and accustomed. whiche president and counsaile shall haue power and auctoritee, to here and determyne by theyr wise domes and discrecions, such causes and matters as be, or hereafter shall be assigned to them by the kynges maiestee, as heretofore hath ben accustomed and vsed.

¶Item that there shalbe holden and kepte, Sessions twyse in euery yere, in euery of the saied shyres, in the saied dominion and principalitee of Wales: That is to saie, in the shyres of Glamorgan, Brekenok, Radnor, Caermerthin, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mountgomery, Denbighe, Flynt, Caernaruan, Merrionneth, and Ingleley, the which Sessions shalbe called the kynges great Sessions in Wales.

¶Item that the iustice of Chestre, for the tyme beynge, shall holde and kepe Sessions twyse in euery yere, in the shyres of Denbigh, Flynt, and Mountgomery, and haue nothynge but his olde fee of an hundrede poundes yerely for the same.

¶Item that the Justice of Northewales shall in lykewyse holde, and kepe Sessions twyse euery yere, in euery of the saied shyres of Caernaruan, Merrionneth, and Ingleley, and shall haue yerely of the kynges maiestee a yerely fee of fyftie poundes for the same.

¶Item that one person, lerned in the lawes of this realme of Englande: by the kynges maiestee to be named and appoynted, shalbe Justice of the shyres of Radnor, Brekenok, and Glamorgan, and shall in likewyse holde, and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shires, and shall haue yerely, of the kynges maiestee fyftye poundes for his fee.

¶Item that one other persone, learned in the lawes of this realme, to be appoynted, as is afore saied, shalbe Justice of the shires of Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Cardigan, and shall in lykewyse holde and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shyres: and shall also haue yerely of the kynges maiestee fiftie poundes for his fee.

¶Item the saied persones or Justices, and euery of theym nowe beynge, or that hereafter shalbe, shall haue seuerall letters patentes and comissions for their offices, vnder the kynges great seale of Englande, to be exercised by them selues, or their sufficient deputees, accordynge to the purposes and intentes, in theyr ordinaunces specified.

¶PROVIDED alwaies, that theyr commyssions, to them alreadie graunted, vnder the saied great seale, shall stande in force and effect, accordynge to the tenour of the same: onelesse it shall please the kynges maiestee hereafter, to alter or chaunge them or any of them, this present article laste before expressed in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶Item that euery of the saied Justices, within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctoritees, to them appoynted as is afore saied shall holde, all maners of plees of the Crowne, at and in the saied Sessions, in as large and ample maner, as the kynges chiefe Justice of Englande, and other the kynges Justices of the kynges bench there, or any of theim, may do in theyr places or elles where within the realme of Englande. And also to holde plees of assises, and all other plees and actions reall personall and myxte, in as large and ample maner, as the kynges chiefe Justice of the common place in Englande, and other Justices of the same place or any of theym, maie doe in the realme of Englande.

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¶Item that euery of the saied Justices of wales, shall haye power and auctoritee, to enquire of all treasons, murthers, felonies, riottes, routes, vn lawfull assembles, extorcions, embraceries, mainteynaunces, reteynours, concelementes, contemptes, and all other offences and euyll dedes, of what natures, names, or qualitees so euer they be, done, cõmitted, or perpetrated, within the limittes of their commissions & auctoritees, agaynst the fourme of the cõmon law of the realme of England, or of any statutes of the same, and to here and determyne the premisses, and euery of them: and generally to minister common iustice to all and synguler the kynges subiectes, within the limittes of their cõmissions and auctoritees, accordynge to the lawes statutes and customes of the realme of Englande, and accordynge to this present ordinaunce.

¶Item that euery of the saied sessions shall be kepte and continued by the space of. vi. daies, in euery of the saied shyres, at eyther of the sayde tymes, as is and hath ben vsed within the saied three shyres of Northewales. And that the saied Justices shall cause open proclamacions to be made in the shire townes, what time & place they purpose to kepe their saied sessions. xl daies at the least, before they kepe the same: to the intente the kynges subiectes may haue knowlage therof.

¶Item that daies shalbe geuen in all pleas plaintes proceste and adiournamentes from daie to daie, and sessions to sessions, by the discrecion of the saied Justices, within the limittes of theyr auctoritees, for the good and spedy ministracion of Justice, to all and singuler the kynges subiectes, as is or hath ben vsed in Northwales.

¶Item that one originall seale, deuised by the kynges hyghnes for iustice to be ministred in the saied three shyres of Northewales, That is to saie, the shyres of Merionneth, Caernaruan, and Angleseye, shall be and remayne in the charge keppyng and custody of the chamberlayne of Northewales. And that one other originall seale, deuised by the kynges maiestee, for ministracion of iustice to be vsed in the saied shyres of Cairmerthin, Pembroke, and Cardigan, shall be and remayne in the charge and keppyng of the Chamberleyne of Southewales. And that likewyse one other originall seale, deuysed by the kynges maiestee, for ministracion of iustice to bee vsed in the said three shyres of Brecknok, Radnor, and Glamorgan, shall be and remayne in the charge and custody of the stewarde and chamberlayne of Brecknok. And that also one other originall seale, deuised by the kynges maiestee, for ministracion of iustice, to be ministred within the saied shyres of Denbygh, and Mountgomery, shalbe and remayne in the charge keppyng and custodie of the Stewarde and Chamberlein of Denbigh. And that the originall seale of Chester, shall be and stande for the originall seale of Flynt, for iustice to be ministred in the saied shire of Flint: and shall be and remayne in the charge keppyng and custodie of the Chamberleine of Chester.

¶Item that the said Stewardes and Chamberleines shall seale with the saied seales: that is to saie, euery one of them shall seale with the seale, to

his charge committed, all maner of originall writtes and proces, returnable before the saied Justices, at the sessions to be holden in euery of the saied shyres, in maner and forme as is aforesaied: and shall seuerally accompt and aunswere the kynges maiestee, for the profyttes of the same seale. And that none of the saied stewardes, chamberlaynes, or chauncellours, hauing the charge and keepynge of the saied seales, shall by occasyon therof, or by colour of any of theyr offices, compell or cause any person or persons, inhabited within any of the saied .xii. shyres, to appere before them selues or their deputees: ne shall haue power or auctoritee, to here or determyne any pleas of the crowne, nor other causes or matters of iustice otherwyse then in this ordinaunce is limitted and expressed: But shall haue the charge and keepynge of the saied seales, to seale all such originall writtes & proces, as shal be returnable before the sayde iustices, in theyr saied sessions, as is before specified, and as here after shall be declared, which writtes and proces shall be vsed made sealed, and returned, in maner and fourme, as hath bene vsed before the Justice in Northewales.

¶ Item that all suche persons, as nowe bee, or hereafter shalbe the kynges highnesse stewardes, chamberleynes, or chauncellours, within any of the sayde .xii. shires, which by reason of their saied offices, haue charges for the receipt collection or accompt, of and for the kynges rentes, reuennues, fermes or profittes to be due to his maiestee, within the saied dominion of Wales maye directe proces, vnder the saied seale, keynge in theyr charge and custody, within the lymittes of theyr auctoritees onely agaynst bailiffes, reues, fermours, and other ministers accomptant, to appere before them selues, to aunswere to and for any the kynges reuenues fermes rentes or profittes, and for none other causes, nor agaynst any other person or persons, in like maner and foureme as they haue ben accustomed in that case to do.

¶ Item that all stewardes of any lordeshyps or manours in Wales, shall and may kepe and holde such leetes, lawdaies, and courtbarons, as apperteyneth & belongeth to the lordshyps and manours, wherof they be stewardes, and to holde pleas by playnte, vnder the summe of .xl. s. in euery suche courtbaron: and haue and enioye all other auctoritees, commoditees and profittes, as stewardes of leetes, lawdaies and court barons in Englande commonly haue, and ben vsed to haue, by reason of the sayde offices, and none other: any lawe vsage or custome, in the sayde dominion of Wales, heretofore had to the contrary herof not withstandyng.

¶ Item prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that the saied stewardes, nor any of them, nor the shyreffe of the saied countees in Wales, shall haue any power or auctoritee, to enquire of any maner of felonye, in any suche leete, lawdaie, or tourne, within the saied dominion to be holden.

And that from hensforth no leete nor lawdaie be kepte by the Stewarde or other officer, of any lordeshyppe or manour in the said dominion of Wales: but in such lordeshippes and places, where it was accustomed to be kepte,

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before the makynge of the acte of parliamente, concernyng Wales, made in the.xxvi.yere of our saied soueraygne lordes reigne. Soo alwayes the place, where suche court shalbe kept, be mete & conuenient for that purpose.

¶Item that all Mayres, Baliffes. and head officers of corporate townes in Wales, may holde pleas, and determyne actions, and do euery other thynge, concernynge common iustice, accordyng to theyr lawfull grauntes and lawdable customes of suche townes: so alwaies they folow the course trade and facion, of the lawes and customes of the realme of Englande, and not of any welshe lawes or customes. And that in euery of the saied townes they may trie all issues ioygned, or hereafter to be ioygned, in any action personall, by fyre, men, accordynge as hertofore in diuers places of the sayde countrey it hath ben vsed: Any thinge conteigned in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶PROVIDED alwaies, and be in enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that for as muche as there be diuers & many small boroughes and townes corporate within the saied dominion of Wales: where of many haue theyr commencement by grauntes, made from the lordes marchers, and some by other meanes: our saied soueraygne lorde shall from henceforthe, by vertue of this act, shall haue full power and auctorite, by the letters patentes, to be inrolled in his graces high court of Chancery, at any tyme within seuen yeres, hereafter next ensuynge to the ende of this present parliamente, to repell, adnihilate, and dissolue suche and as many of the saied boroughes and townes corporate, and all libertees and customes of the same, as to his highnes shall be thought expedient, to the entent his maieste, at his graces pleasure, may dewely create, ordeyne and make, such and as many other boroughes and townes corporate within the saied dominion, beynge more apte and conuenient for that purpose, and endue them with suche libertees and franchises, as to his most excellent wisedome shalbe thoughte necessary, for the wealth of the saied countrey.

¶Item the kynges maieste is pleased and contented, of his moste gracious goodnesse, that such as haue patentes of any office of Stewardships chamberleneshyppes, chauncellourshyppes, or Justiceshippes, within the saied dominion of Wales, for terme of theyr lyues, shall haue and enioye theyr certayne ordinary and annuell fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be paied and borne by the kynges highnes, by vertue of any theyr letters patentes, during theyr interest therin: but in no wyse to take or claim any casuall fees, claymed by coloure of theyr offices, contrary to this present ordinaunce: Any custome in Wales, or any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶Item ouer and besydes the saied originall seales, there shalbe foure iudiciall seales, deuised by the kynges maieste, wherof one shall remayne with the Justice of Chester, which is appoynted by this act, to be Justice of the shyres of Flynt, Denbygh, and Mountgomerie, to be vsed within the saied shyres to seale all iudiciall proces and bylles, that shall be sued before the

saide iustice, in the sessions, to be holden within the same shires. And that one other of the said iudiciall seales, shall likewyse remaine, & be in the charge & custodie of the saied iustice of Northwales. And that the third of the said seales, shalbe and remayne in the custodie and charge, of the Justice of the thre shyres of Glamorgan, Brecknok, & Radnor. And the fourth of the saied seales shall remaine in the charge and custodie of the Justice of the sayde thre shyres, of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan. And the said Justices shall seale with the sayde iudiciall seales: that is to saie: euery of theim with the seale committed to his charge and custodie, as well all bylles, as all other iudiciall proces, that shall bee sued before theim in the saied sessions, vppon any originall bylles or writtes: and all other processe, that shalbe awarded from any of the saied Justices, shall be sealed with the said iudiciall seale.

¶Item that euery of the sayde Justices shall accompte and aunswere to the kynges maiestee for the profittes of the said seale, beynge in his charge and custodie, in maner and fourme as hereafter shalbe declared.

¶Item that the Teste of euery byll and iudiciall proces, that shall passe vnder the saied iudiciall seale, shall be vnder the name of suche of the sayde Justices, from whome such bill or iudiciall processe shall passe, in lyke maner and fourme as is vsed in the common place in Englande.

¶Item that all actions real and mixt, atteintes, conspiracies, assises, and quare impedit, appeales of murther and felonie, and all actions grounded vpon any statutes, shall be sued by originall writtes, to be optayned & sealed with the said originall seale, returnable before the saied Justices at their sessions, within the limittes of their auctorites, in maner and fourme as is afore mencioned.

¶Item that all maner of personall actions, as dette, detinue, trespasse, accompte, and suche like amountyng to the summe of fourtie shyllynges, or aboue shalbe sued by writtes originall, to be optaygned and sealed as is afore sated, or by billes, at the pleasure of the partie suynge the same, before the saied Justices, within the lymittes of their auctorites, as is vsed in Northwales. And that all personall actions, vnder the summe of fourtie shillinges, that is to saye, dette, trespas, detinue, accompte, and suche lyke, shall and maie be sued, before any of the saied Justices, in the sayd sessions, by byll as it is vsed in Northewales. And that euery originall byll, concernynge actions personalles, shall be sealed with the kynges iudiciall seale, beyng in the custodie of the saied Justice, before whom suche personall actions by bylle shalbe brought, and commenced. And that suche fees shalbe payed for the writynge and sealyng of suche originall writtes and billes, as hereafter shalbe expressed: that is to saie, for the sealyng of euery originall writte to be sued in, and vppon the causes aforesaied: and for euery byll, to be pursued in actions personall, wherof the dette, and domage amounteth to the summe of fourtye shyllynges, or aboue, the partees pursuynge the same, shall paye for the seale of euery suche writte or bylle, syxe pens,

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And for euery iudiciall proces, to be sued vpon any suche originall writte, or bylle, the partees pursuynge suche iudiciall proces, shall paie for the sealyng therof, seuen pens: wherof the kynges maiestee shall haue syxe pens, and the Justice, sealyng suche iudiciall processe, shall haue one peny.

¶Item that euery bill in personall action, wherof the det, dutee or domage amounteth not to fourtie shillynges: and all maner iudiciall processe to be sued vppon the same, shall also be sealed with the kynges saied iudiciall seale: and the partees pursuyng the same, shall paie for the seale of euery suche bill, and iudiciall proces, therupon to be sued, three pens, whereof the kynges maiestee to haue two pens and the Justice, sealynge suche processe, to haue a peny.

¶Item that all writtes of Scire fac, and writtes of good abearynge, or for the peace, or writtes of Supersedeas vppon the same, and all other processe to be sued from the saied Justices, vpon any recorde or suggestion, admitted by any of the sayde Justices, within the lymittes of theyr auctoritees, shall also be sealed with the sayde iudiciall seale. And that the parties, pursuynge for the same, shall paie for the seale, of euery suche writte and processe, seuen pens: wherof the kynges hyghnesse shall haue fire pens: and the Justice, by whome suche processe shall be sealed, a peny. And that euery exemplificacion, vpon any recorde, before any of the sayde Justices, shall be sealed with the kynges iudiciall seale: and the partees pursuynge the same, shall paie for the seale therof, twenty pens: wherof the kynges hyghnesse shall haue syxtene pens: and the Justices, sealynge the same, foure pens.

¶Item that recouerves and fynes, concordes and warrantes of attourney for the same, shall and may be taken before euery of the sayde Justices, of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within his auctoritee, by force of his generall commission, without any writte of Dedimus potestatem, to be sued for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is vsed to be taken, before the kynges chiefe Justice, of his common place in Englande.

¶Item that all fynes, hereafter to be leuyed before any of the saied Justices, with proclamacion made the same sessions, that the saied fyne shal be engrossed, and in two other great sessions than nexte to bee holden within the same countrey, shalbe of the same force and strength to all purposes, as fynes leuyed with proclamacions be of, that be leuied before the Justices of the common place in Englande.

¶Item that euery persone, suynge Writtes of Entree in the Poste, or writtes of couenaunte, or any other writtes, for any recouerye to bee hadde, by assente of partees, or otherwyse, or for any fyne to bee leuyed, shall paye suche fynes to the kynges vse, for the same, aswell fynes Pro licentia Concordandi, as all other maner of fynes as is vsed in the kynges Chauncery, or elles where in any of the kynges Courtes of

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Englande: whiche fynes shall be paied to suche persons, as shall seale the originall writtes for that purpose: And that they shall accompte for the same in lyke fourme, as they shall do for the profittes of the saied originall seale as is afore saied.

¶Item that the kynges siluer, vpon euery fyne to be leuied, shalbe paied, as is vsed in the common place in Englande: that is to saie, two shyllynges: whiche kynges syluer shall be payde to the Justice, afore whome suche fyne shall be leuied. Wherof the kynges hyghnes shall haue twenty pens: and the Prenotarie, entryng the same, shall haue two pens: & the Justice, afore whome suche fyne shall be leuied, other two pens. And that the same Justice shall accompte for the kynges parte thereof, lyke as he shall for the profittes of the kynges iudiciall seale, committed to his charge, in maner and fourme as is afore saied.

¶Item there shall bee foure Prenotaries for the makynge of all iudiciall proces, and for the enterynge of all pleas proces and matters of recorde, in the sessions to be holden before the saied Justices: whereof one of the sayde Prenotaries shall attende vppon the saied Justice appoynted for the thre shyres of Northwales: And one other shall attende vpon the Justice, assigned for the thre shyres of Flynt, Denbighe, and Wountgomerie: And the thirde shall attende vppon the Justice assygned for the three shyres of Cairmerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke. And the fourthe of the saied Prenotaries shall attende vpon the Justice, assygned for the three shyres of Glamorgan, Brecknok, and Radnor. And these foure Prenotaries, as often as they saied offices shall be voyde, shall be named and appoynted by the kynges hyghnes, by his maiesties letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande. And where one John Arnolde gentilman hath the office of Prenotarie, and clerkeshyppe of the Crowne, by the kynges hyghnesse letters patentes, within the sayde thre shyres of Northwales: And that one John Brebenhed, hath the office of the Prenotarie, and clerkeshyppe of the Crowne by the kynges letters patentes, within the sayde shyre of Flynt, And that likewyse one John Lennerde hath the office of the Prenotary and Clerkeshyppe of the crowne, by the kynges letters patentes, within all the residue of the saied dominion of Wales: The kynges maiestee is pleased & contented, that the said thre Prenotaries shall haue, vse, & enioy, their said offices accordyng to the effecte of the saied letters patentes to them therof made, doyng their ducties and attendaunce by them selues, or their sufficient deputees, at euery of the saied sessions, to be kepte within the shyres, whervnto they be so appoynted.

¶Item there shall be a Marshall and a Crier in euery of the circuites and limittes, allotted to the sayde Justices, whiche shalbe named by the saied Justices, within the lymittes of their auctoryte and commission, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of assyse do in Englande. And the saied officers shall attende vppon the saied Justices in their circuites, in their owne proper persons, and not by their deputees.

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And that the Marshall shall haue vpon euery iudgement, and euery fyne foure pens and the crier a peny. And vpon the acquitalles of felons, and of them, that shalbe deliuered by proclamacion, or deliuered out of common mainprise, before any of the said Justices, the Marshall shall haue foure pens, and the crier a peny.

¶Item that euery of the saied prenotaries, within the limittes of theyr offices, shall take suche fees as hereafter shall be expressed: That is to saie, for the writyng of pleas, and ingrossyng of writtes of entree in the poste, writtes of ryght, Quod ei deforceat, or any other writtes, pursued by the assent of the partees, fyue shillynges. And if it be with a duple voucher, then fyue shillynges and. viii. d. for the exemplificacion therof, two shillynges. And for the engrossinge of fynes, to haue for euery fyne thre shyllynges, and foure pens: And if it be with proclamacions, then foure shillynges.

¶Item for euery byll of debte detinue tresspas and all other actions personalles, sued before the saied Justices in theyr circuites, vnder the summe of. xl. s. the prenotaries shall haue, for the fyrste bill. iiii. d. for the seconde bill, foure. d. and for the thirde bill foure. d. And for the entre of euery declaracion, plea in barre, replicacion, and reioynder, in and vpon euery suche actions, so that he do enrolle the same in parchement, foure pens. And for euery venire fac. tales, habeas corpora, & distr in the same actions, foure pens: and for the iudgement, four pens. And for euery writte of execucion, in euery such action, fyue pens: And for euery warrant of atturney, in euery such action, as well for the playntyffes as for defendantes, foure pens.

¶Item in all actions of detinue tresspas and all other actions personall, wherin the duetie debte or domage, amounteth to the summe of fourtie shillynges, or aboue, which shalbe sued by bylles before the saied Justices, the prenotarie shall haue for the fyrst bill, foure pens, for the seconde bill. iiii. d. for the thirde bill foure pens. And for euery of the declaration, the aunswere, replicacion, and reioynder, if it bee enrolled in parchement, eyght pens: And for the venire fac. tales habeas corpora, & distr, for euery of them fyue pens: and for the iudgement eyght pens, and for the warrant of atturney, foure pens: and for euery writte of execucion vpon the iudgementes in such billes, fyue pens.

¶Item in originall writtes, sued vppon euery action personall, returnable before the saied Justices, the prenotaries shall haue for euery iterum sum, fyue pens, for euery distres in tresspas, fyue pens, and for the declaracion, eyghte pens: for the aunswere, replicacion and reioynder, for euery of them, if they be enrolled and engrossed, as is afore saied, twelue pens. For the venire fac. tales, habeas corpora, & distr, for euery of them, fyue pens: and the prenotaries to haue for the entre of the iudgementes in euery suche action, twelue pens. And for euery writte of execucion, sued vpon the same fyre pens. For the exemplificacion of euery recorde, in any of the saied actions, two shillynges. For euery warrant of attourney, foure pens. In all actions Reals and myxte, assises, quare impedit,

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appeales of felonie, murther, or mayme, the Prenotarie to haue for the declaracion or plaint, two shyllynges: and for the plee in barre, replicacion, reioinder, surreioinder, for euery of the, if they be inrolled, as is afore saied, twelue pens: & for the writynge of euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, & dist vpon the same, for euery of them six pens: and for the entre of the iugement, in euery of the saied actions & appeales, two shyllinges: And for y writynge of the writtes of execucion, made vpon euery of the said actions, appeales, and assises, twelue pens: And for writtes of graunde Cape and petie cape, and writtes of view, writtes vpon voucher, and all other writtes in euery suche action or actions, twelue pens: And for euery warrante of atturney, for the defendantes or for the demaundantes, or playntyffes, in euery suche action real, assyse, appele, & quare impedit, foure pens: And for the essoynes in euery suche action, foure pens: and for the adiournament, two pens: & for the bayle of euery persone of felonye, twelue pens: and for the bayle for trespas, sixe pens: And for the apparaunce and baylynge of common mainpryse, two pens.

¶ Item for writyng of writtes for the peace, and good abearyng, graunted by any of the saied Justices in their sessions, sixe pens: and for the entring of euery Recognisaunce to be had and taken before the sayde Justices, for euery cause or causes, other then before is expressed, twelue pens: and if it be with condicion, then two shyllynges. And vpon euery acquitall and deliueraunce of felons or murtherers by verdite or by allowance of pardon, the Prenotaries to haue two shyllynges. And if it be vpon inditementes certified from the Justices of the peace, afore the Justices in the great sessions: the clearke of the peace to haue also twelue pens. And vpon the deliuery of any suspect of felony or murther, by proclamacion, the saied Prenotary to haue twelue pens.

¶ Item that the kynges maiestee shall haue al fynes, issues, amercementes and all forfaitures of Recognisaunces loste or forfaite before any of the said Justices, in the session afore said. And that the said Prenotaries, within the limittes of their offices, shall yerely extrete the same into the Eschequer, appoynted for that symme, to the intent that proces from thens may be awarded to the shyrefes, to leuie the same to the kynges vse, as appertineth: whiche shirefes shal yerely make their accomptes, before the kynges Auditours, therunto to be assigned and appoynted.

¶ Item ouer and besydes the saied president and counsaile and Justices, there shalbe Justices of peace and quorum, and also one Custos rotulorum in euery of the saied twelue shyres.

¶ Item that the said Justices of peace, Justices of quorū, & custos rotulorū in the saied shyres, shalbe named and appoynted by the chancellor of England, by cōmission vnder the kynges great seale of Englande, by thaduise of the president counsaile & iustices afore saied, or thre of them, of the whyche the saied president to be one, from time to time, as the case shall require.

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in any of the saied shyres, ouer and besydes the presydent counsaile and Justices afore saied, and the kynges attourney and Solicitour, which presidēt counsaile Justices, and the kynges atturney and Solicitour: shalbe put in euery commission of peace, in euery of the saied twelue shires.

¶Item that such persons, as shalbe named to be Justices of peace, within euery of the saied shyres, shalbe of good name, and fame: and after they be assygned by commission, maie vse and exercise the office of the Justice of peace, al be it they maie not dispende twenty pounde, nor be learned in the lawes of the lande, without any losse domage or penaltees, for insufficiency of theyr landes. And that euery of the saied Justices of peace, before they shall execute their commission, shall take theyr othes before the Chancellor, of Englande, or els before the saied presydent, or one of the saied Justices in wales, by vertue of the kynges writte of Dedimus potestatem, or before any other persone, to be limitted by the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for that purpose: The contentes of whiche othe, shalbe after the fourme, as Justices of peace in Englande vse to make.

¶Item that the saied Justices of peace, or two of them at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shall and maie kepe their sessions, within the symittes of theyr commissions, foure tymes in the yere, and at other tymes vpon vrgent causes, as Justices of peace in Englande vse to do, and shall haue lyke power & auctorite in all thynges, & fees of the kynges maiestee for the tyme of their sittyng, aswell for thē selues, as for theyr clerkes: & shal be bounde to vse and do their offices, in like maner as is vsed in Englande.

¶Item that no Justices of peace, clerke of the peace, nor other clerk of any Justice of peace in wales, shall take for the writyng of any warrant of the peace, or good aberynge, aboue six pens, and for entryng of pledges or borowes to paie the kynges fyne vpon any inditement, nyne pens. And if it be with protestacion, than to take twelue pens: and for a Supersedeas, not aboue eyght pens: and for a Recognisaunce twelue pens. And that all the saied Justices of peace, shall certifie all Recognisaunces taken before any of them, for the peace, or good aberynge, into theyr Sessions, nexte to be holden after the takynge therof. And Recognisaunce taken before any of them, for suspicious of any maner of felonie, shalbe certified before the Justices in the great sessions, nexte to be holden after the takynge thereof, without concelement deteignynge or imbeselynge of the same, vpon suche penaltees and daungers, as be therfore ordeyned and estably shed.

¶Item that all fynes and amerciamentes, before the said Justices of peace lost and herafter to be lost, shalbe tared and affeered by two Justices of the peace at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum. And that all suche fynes and amerciamentes shalbe set truely and duely accordynge to the quantitee of the offences, without parcialitee or affection.

¶Item that the saied fynes and amerciamentes, and also all issues loste before the saied Justices of peace, and all forfaytures of Recognisaunces, and other forfaitures before the same Justices, shall be verely extreted by

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the clerkes of the peace, into the Eschekier, appointed for that lymit, to thintent that proces from thens maie be awarded, for the leuynge of the same forfaptures and summes of money to the kinges vse, to the shireffe of euery countie, as shall appertaine, who shall make thereof theyr accomptes, before suche Auditours, as thereunto shall be assigned, so that the kynges maiestee maie therof be truely and duely aunswered and satisfyed: whiche Auditours shall make due allowaunce to the same shyrefes, for the fees of the Justices and clerkes of the peace, vppon theyr saied accomptes, as is vsed in the realme of Englande.

¶ Item that there shalbe shyrefes in euery of the saied shyres yerely apointed by the kynges maiestee. And that none of the saied shyrefes shall haue theyr office of shireffe wyke, any longer tyme, than is vsed by the lawes and statutes of England. And for the yerely nominacion of the saied shyrefes, the saied lorde president Counsaile and Justices of Wales, or three of them at the least, wherof the saied president to be one, shall yerely nominate three substanciall persons, in euery of the saied twelue shires, to be shirefes of the same, and shall certifie theyr names to the lordes of the kynges most honorable counsail, attending vpon his graces person, Crastino animarum, to thintent the kinges maiestee, beyng therof aduertised, maie appoint one of them in euery of the saied shyres, to be shyrefe for that yere, at his most gracious will and pleasure, lyke as his highnesse doth for his realme of Englande. And therupon the saied shyrefes shall haue theyr patentes, and comissions vnder the great seale of Englande, as shyrefes of England haue, and shall make and take othes and knowlages of Recognisaunces, before the president and Justices, or one of them, by vertue of the kynges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to be directed for the same, for the due execution of theyr offices, and for theyr iuste and true accomptes before the kynges Auditour or Auditours assigned for Wales.

¶ Item that euery of the saied shireffes shall haue full power and auctoritee, within the lymittes of theyr shirefwyke, to do and vse their offices, as shireffes in Englande, and shall accomplyshe and execute, without any fauour drede or corruption, all maners of writtes, proceffe, iudgementes and executions, and all maner common Justice, appertaintnge to theyr offices of shireffes, and all lawfull comaundementes and preceptes, of the sayde president, Counsaile and Justices of Wales, and also of the Justices of the peace, Escheatours, and Crowners, and euery of them, in all thinges appertainyng to theyr offices and auctorites.

¶ Item that the saied shyrefes shall do and be bounde to do all and euery other thynge and thynges for the ministracion of Justice, and for the conseruacion of the kynges peace, and the apprehension and repreffe of traitours, murtherers, theues, felons, and other offendours, as shireffes of Englande do vse, and be bounde to do within the realme of Englande.

¶ Item that the saied shyrefes shall yerely accompt before such the kynges Auditour or Auditours, as shalbe assygned and appoynted by the kynges

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maiestee for his saied dominion of wales. And that euery of the saied shireffes shall haue yerely for his fee, fyue pounde.

¶ Item that all maires, shireffes stewardes, bailiffes, and other ministers and officers of iustice, of euery countee, lordshyp towne and place, within the saied dominion of wales, and all and singuler the kynges subiectes of the same, shalbe alwaies obedient attendauut and assistyng to the said president, counsaile and Justices of wales, and euery of theym, & shall obey the kynges cōmaundementes & proces, from them or any of them dyrected, and all the lawfull & reasonable preceptes of the saied presydent, counsaile and Justices, and euery of them. And also shall be obedient to all the said Justices of peace shireffes and eschetours, within the lymittes of their said auctoritees, as well for common administracion and due execucion of iustice, as in all other thynges apperteinyng to theyr duetees and offices.

¶ Itē that Eschetors shalbe named in euery of the said shires, by the lord Tresourer of Englande, by thaduise of the said president, counsayle, and Justices, or thre of them at the least, wherof the saied presydente to be one: which Eschetours shal make & take their othes, & knowlage their recognisances before the said president, or one of the said Justices, by vertue of the kynges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to be directed for the same, for the due execucion of theyr offices, and for their true accompt, to be made before the kynges auditor or auditors, to be assygned for the same: which othe & recognisance shalbe agreable to the othe & recognisance, vsed for the Eschetours in Englande. And the Eschetours shal yerely haue their patentes & commissions, vnder the great seale of Englande, & shall haue power and auctoritie to exercise their offices, in like maner and fourme as Eschetours in Englande, and shalbe bounde to all lawes and statutes of Englande.

¶ Item that all such persons, as shal be appoynted to the said offices shall and maie exercyse their offices, if they maie dispende yerely. v. l. of freeholde: any statutes of Englande to the contrary thereof not withstandynge. And that euery of the saied Eschetors shall make their accomptes yerely before such auditour or auditours, as shall be assygned by the kynges maiestee, to here and determine his highnes accompte for his reuenues and profyttes of the saied dominion of wales.

¶ Item there shall be two crowners, to be elected in euery of the sayde. xii. shyres as is vsed in Englande, by vertue of the kynges writte, De coronatore eligendo, to be awarded out of the kynges chancery of England. And that the said crowners shall haue like power & auctoritee, to do & exercise their offices, & haue like fees, as is limitted by the lawes & statutes of Englande.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, that the writte, De coronatore eligendo, to chose the Crowners within the said countee of Flynt, shalbe directed out of the Eschequer of Chester.

¶ Itē that the said Justices of the peace, or two of them at the leaste, wherof one of them to be of the quorū, shall appoynt and name in euery hundred. within the limittes of theyr cōmission, two substanciall gentilmen or yemen,

to be the chiefe Constables of the hundred wherin they inhabite: whiche two constables of euery hundred, shall haue especiall regarde to the conseruacion of the kynges peace: and shall and maie do and vse their offices, in all and synguler thynges, as is vsed by the hyghe constables of the hundredes in Englande: And shall be bounde to all thynges, as high constables of the hundredes in Englande be bounde to do.

¶Item that euery of the saied shiriffes shall haue a gayle for prisoners within some conuenient place of the castelles of the shyre townes, where he is shirefe, or in suche other conuenient place, as by the saied president counsaile and Justices, or thre of them, whereof the saied president to be one, shall be appoynted: Any patent or graunt herefore made to any person or persons, of the constableship, or keppnge of any of the sayd castelles, in any wyse not withstandyng. And that the shyriffe shall make the Bayliffes of the hundredes, and they to attende vppon the Justices in euery of theyr courtes and sessions.

¶Prouided alwaies, that the constables of the kynges castelles within euery of the saied shyre townes of Wales, shall not be charged with the gayles, and of all the prysoners that shall be committed to theyr warde, lyke as they haue heretofore ben, vnto suche tyme conuenient places for that purpose, be assigned to the saied shiriffe.

¶Item the sayde shiriffes shall kepe their countees monethly, and theyr hundred courtes, for pleas vnder fourtie shillynges, as is vsed in Englād, and shall take for the entrynge of plaintes, proces, pleas and iudgementes, in the saied shyre courtes and hundredes, suche small fees as is vsed to bee taken in shyres and hundredes in Englande, and not aboue.

¶Item that all maner of tryalles before them in theyr saied courtes, or before any stewardes in court barons, shalbe by wager of lawe, or verdict of viij. men, at the pleasure of the parter plaintyffe or defendaunt, that pleaded the plea. And that euery of the saied shiriffes shall keepe and holde theyr Tournes yerely after Easter and Michaelmas, as they haue ben vsed in Englande.

¶Item the kynges hyghnes shall haue all maner of fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaitures, loste or forfayted in any of the sayde countees hundredes, courtes, and tournes, to his owne vse, and the shiriffe to accompt for the same accordyngly.

¶Item that the extretes of the saied tournes, countees, and hundredes, shalbe viewed, & the fynes issues and amerciamentes, afferred by the said Justices of assises of that circuite, before the leuyng of the same amerciamentes or other forfaitures. And that no shyriffe, or any of his officers, presume to gather or leuie any suche amerciament, or other forfayture before the saied extrete be so afferred, vpon peyne to forfayte to the kynges vse fourtie shyllynges. And that the shyriffe vppon euery iudgemente had before hym in his countee or hundrede courte, in any playnte vnder fourtye shyllynges, shall and may awarde a Capias ad satisfaciendum

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to arreſt the partie condempned: or elles a Fieri fac. at the libertee of the partie purſuant.

¶ Item that all bylles ſued before the ſaied Juſtices, in perſonall actions, whereof the debte, dutie, or domage is vnder fourti ſhillynges: the ſhireſe ſhall haue for the retourne of euery bill, two pens: And euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, et diſtr, two pens. And for writtes of execution vpon the iudgement, in any ſuche bill, twelue pens.

¶ Item in billes ſued before the ſaied Juſtices, in actions perſonalles, aboue the ſumme of fourtie ſhillynges, the ſhireſe ſhall haue for the returne of euerye ſuche bill foure pens: and for the retourne of euerye venire fac. habeas corpora diſtr et Tales, foure pens: and for euery writte of execution, two ſhillinges. And in all perſonall actions, ſued by originall writtes returnable before the ſaied Juſtices, the ſhireſe ſhall haue for euery Iterū ſum diſtr et alias diſtr foure pens: and for euerye venire fac. habeas corpora diſtr & Tales, ſyx pens. And for euery writte of execution to be executed vpon the iudgement, in ſuche actions, two ſhillinges: for the ſeruing of euery writte of Elegit, ſyx ſhillinges & eight pens. And in all reall actions or mixt, purſued before the ſaied Juſtices by originall writte, for retourne of euery originall, two ſhillinges. And for the returne of euery other writte and iudiciall proces, dependynge vpon the ſame, before iudgemente, two ſhillinges: Item for euery writte of execution, after iudgement, vpon euery originall, in actions reall or mixt, two ſhyllynges. And for ſeruing of euery writte of haberi fac. ſeiſinam, ſyx ſhillinges eyght pens.

¶ Item for attachementes vpon Capias, or other proces ſued before the ſaied Juſtices, by originall or iudiciall writte, if he returne Cepi corpus, two ſhillynges: and for a Reddit ſe, vpon an exigent of felony, in appele of murther or mayme, or vpon any indictament of felonie or murther, two ſhillinges. And vpon a Reddit ſe, vpon an exigent of debte, treſpaſſe, detinue and all other actions perſonalles, twelue pens, and for the makyng of Repleg. twelue pens, & withernam vpon the ſame, twelue pens. For the returne of euery writ of appele or murther, felonie or maime, twelue pens. And vpon all other proces growen vpon the ſame, as venire fac. Tales habeas corpora, et diſtr, twelue pens. And in euery action taken before the ſhireffes by Juſtices, for the ſum thereof foure pens: and for euery other proces ther vpon foure pens. And for euery priſoner deliuered by acquitall, or by proclamacion, for any maner of felony twelue pens.

¶ Item that euery ſhireffe, within the limittes of his auctoritee, maye and ſhall put ſuche perſonnes vnder common maynprſe, as they haue reaſonable cauſe of ſuſpecte, accordynge to the ſaied acte made for Wales, bindyng ſuche as they ſhall ſo put to common maynprſe, with two ſufficient ſureties with theim, by Recognyſaunce, to appere before the ſaied Juſtices, within the limittes of their auctorities, at the nexte greate ſeſſions to be holden, nexte after the takynge of ſuche bandes: and ſhall certifye the names of them, that be bounde, before the ſaied Juſtices at

the said sessions accordingly, without concelement therof, at their pleasure.

¶Item that euery persone, that the shiresse taketh to common mainprise, to appere before the saied Justices, as is afore said, shall pase for his mainprise two pens, and not above. And the saied shiresse to put no man to common mainprise, but such as be suspect, and as shall be returned by them before the saied Justices at their sessions, as is afore saied. And also the saied shiresse shall haue, for the returne of a writte of false iudgement, out of a base court, before the saied Justices, two shillynges. And that ye saied shiref shall take no maner of fee, for the returne of any of the saied writtes of execution afore expressed, oneles he returne the same executed.

¶Item that in all and euery suche writtes original or iudiciall, or other proces pleas, or writynges: which be not expressed in this ordinance, the fees therof, as well for the seales as wrytyng, shalbe rated by the said president Counsaile and iustices, or thre of them, wherof the sayd president to be one by their discrections from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require: And that they shall haue ful power and auctorite from tyme to tyme to assesse and appoint, what fee the saied shiresses, escheators and Crowners, and their ministers, Prenotaris and their Clerkes, & other ministers of iustice in the saied shyres: shall haue, take, and receiue of the kynges subiectes for any maner writtes, playntes, pleas, proces, returnes, or any other matter or thyng concernyng or belongyng to the execucion of their offices and rowmes: and to augment or diminishe any fee or fees above declared as shalbe thought by their discrections, to be conuenient and meete for the common welth of the kynges subiectes of those partees of Wales, any thynge conteined in this act to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶Item that from henceforth no maner of persone or persones, for murther or felony, shalbe put to his fyne, but suffer accordyng to the lawes of the realme of Englande. Except it please the kynges maieste to pardon hym or them. And if the saied Justices see cause of pitee or other consideracion, the may respyte the prisoner, tyll they haue aduertised the kynges maieste of the matter.

¶Item that the acte made in the parliament, holden in the .xxvi. yere of the most royall reigne of the kynges maieste, concernynge amonge other thinges inquisicions and trialles of contrefeityng, washing, clippyng, and minishyng of the kynges Coyne, murthers, felons, and accessaries to the same, perpetrated or done within Wales, to be had, made, and determined in the next shire, or countie within England adioynyng, where the kynges writte runneth, and euery article therein conteined, shall stande in his full strength and force, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte of the same: Any thyng in this saied ordenaunce, or any other acte, cause, or matter heretofore had or made, to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶And all bee it the same acte as yet was neuer put in execucion, for any of the saied offences heretofore done or committed within any of the sayde three Shyres of Northe Wales: That is to saye, the countyes

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of Ingleſey, Caernaruan, and Merionneth, Be it now declared and enacted by thauctoꝛite aforeſaied, that the ſaied acte, and euery article therin conteyned, ſhall from henſtoꝛth take effect, and be executed in all pointes, foꝛ and concernyng any of the ſaied offences perpetrated and done, oꝛ that here after ſhalbe perpetrated oꝛ done, within the ſaid countie of Merrionneth, to be enquired of, herd, and determined, within the countie of Walop, in lyke maner and fourme, as commonly is and hath bene vſed foꝛ any of the ſame oꝛ lyke offences, committed oꝛ doone within any other counter oꝛ place of Southe wales: any matter oꝛ cauſe heretofoꝛe ryſen oꝛ growen to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

¶ Item that the towne oꝛ hamlet of Abertannad, and all the grounde and ſoile within the ſame, whiche afoꝛe this tyme hath ben taken, reputed, and vſed as parcell of the ſaied countie of Merionneth, ſhall from the feaſte of Eaſter nexte commyng, by vertue of this acte, be vnited, annexed, & made parcell of the ſaied countee of Walop: and ſo from thenſtoꝛth to be reputed taken and vſed foꝛ euer, and not to be of any other ſhyꝛe oꝛ countie of wales. And that the ſame towne oꝛ hamlet, and all the grounde and ſoyle within the ſame towne oꝛ hamlet, be from and after the ſaied feaſte accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundꝛed of Oſweſtre: and that the inhabitauntes therof, from the ſaied feaſt, ſhalbe attendaunt and do euery thyng and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the ſaied hundꝛed of Oſweſtre, as the ſame inhabitauntes do oꝛ be bounde to do, any lawes oꝛ cuſtomes to the contraty therof not withſtandyng.

¶ Item in caſe any foꝛrein plee oꝛ voucher, be hereafter pleaded oꝛ made befoꝛe any of the ſaied Juſtices of wales, betwene partee & partee triable in any other ſhire within wales, than where the ſame plea is pleded oꝛ voucher made: That than the ſaied Juſtices, afoꝛe whom the ſame plee oꝛ voucher is oꝛ ſhalbe pleded oꝛ made, ſhall and maie ſend the kinges writ, with a tranſcript of the recoꝛde, mentionyng the ſame foꝛein matter of plee oꝛ voucher vnder the ſeale to him comitted, vnto the Juſtice of the countie, where the ſame matter is oꝛ ſhalbe triable, commandyng the ſaid Juſtices, by vertue of the ſaied writ, to proceede to the triall therof, accoꝛdyng to the kinges lawes & ſtatutes, which triall ſo beſoꝛe by him had, he ſhall remaunde with the hole recoꝛde vnto the Juſtice beſoꝛe who the ſaid plea oꝛ voucher was pleaded, oꝛ made, who therupon ſhall proceede to iudgement, as the caſe ſhall requiꝛe.

¶ Item in caſe the ſame foꝛein plee voucher oꝛ other matter ſo pleaded, bee triable within the realme of England: and than in euery ſuche caſe the iuſtice afoꝛe whom the ſame plee oꝛ voucher is oꝛ ſhalbe pleded had oꝛ made, ſhall may proceede to the triall therof, as ſhall appertaine, within the ſame ſhire of wales, where the ſame olde voucher oꝛ matter was pleded, the ſaied foꝛein plee voucher, oꝛ any other roying oꝛ matter to the contrary not withſtãdyng.

¶ Itẽ that no maner of perſon oꝛ perſons fro henſtoꝛth, wout lauful auctoꝛite, ſhal make any rumours, runnynes, vnlaufull aſſemblies, oꝛ outcries at any of the ſaid courtes oꝛ ſeſſios, noꝛ any outcries oꝛ vnlaufull aſſemblies

in great nombres, at any other tyme or tymes, except it be for the apprehen sion or pursuyng of murtherers or felons, vpon payne of imprysonmente and greuous fyne to be tared and set vppon them by the saied president and counsayle, or by the iustices or other officer, before whome suche misdeha uiour shall happen to be committed.

¶Item that all manours landes tenementes meſuages & other hereditamentes, & all ryghtes & tytles to the same, in any of the saied shyres of wales descended to any maner person or persons, sythe the feast of the Natyuitee of saint John Baptist, in the .xxxiii. yere of our saied souerayne lordes reigne, or that here after shal descend, be taken, enioied, vsed & holden as Englysshe tenure to all intentes, accordyng to the cõmon lawes of this realme of Englande, & not to be partable among heyres males, after the custome of Gauelkynde, as hertofore in diuerse partes of wales hath ben vsed and accustomed. And that the same lawe, from and after the saied feast of sainct John Baptist, in the saied .xxxiii. yere, be vsed, taken and exercised in the saied countie of Mommoth, & in all such lordshyppes and other places, as by vertue of the saied acte, made in the saied xxvii. yere, or by any other acte or actes, made or to be made, were and shalbe annexed, vnited, or knytte, to any of the shires of Salop, Herford, Glouc. or other shyres: any lawes vsages or customes, hertofore had or vsed to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

¶Item that no mortgages of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, made or had after the said feast of saint John Baptist, which was in the saied xxxiii. yere of the reigne of our saied souerayne lorde, or that hereafter shal be had or made, within any of the saied shyres or places, shall be hereafter alowed or admitted, otherwyse than after the course of the common lawes and statutes of the realme of Englande: any vsage or custome hertofore had to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

¶Item it shall be lefull to all persons, to alien, sell, or otherwyse put away their landes tenementes & hereditamentes within the saied countrey or dominion of wales, the countie of Mommoth, & other places annexed to any of the shires of England, from them & their heires, to any person or persons, in fee symple or fee tayle, for terme of life or for terme of yeres, after the maner, & accordyng as is vsed by the lawes of the realme of Englande; Any welshe lawe or custome, heretofore vsed in the saied countrey or dominion of wales, to the contrary therof not withstandynge. This article to take effecte from & after the sayde feast of the Natiuitee of sainct John Baptist, which was in the sayde .xxxiii. yere of our said souereigne lordes reygne.

¶Item if any persone or persones, hauyng landes or tenementes within the saied dominion of wales, bene or hereafter shall be bounde within the realme of Englande by obligacion, vpon the statute of the staple, or by recognisaunce, and pay not the dette, as shall appertayne: that then vpon certificate thereof made into the kynges Chauncerye of Englande, by the Clerke of the staple, or by any Justice of recorde, before whome suche recognisance

gnisaunce shalbe knowlaged, proces shalbe made to the shireffes of Wales, out of the Chauncery of Englande, after the fourme as is vsed to be made vppon statutes and recognisauuces, by the course of the lawes of Englande, for due leuiyng and paieyng of the saied dette.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that for suche recognisances as be or herafter shalbe taken and knowlaged before the kynges Justices of his hyghnesse benche or common place in Englande, proces shall be had and pursued immediatly, out from the saied Justices, as is vsed vpon recognisaunces, taken before the saied Justices, by the common course of the lawes of Englande.

¶ Item that all suche writtes, bylles, playntes, plees, processe, chalenges and trialles, shalbe vsed throughout all the shyres afore saied, before the sayde Justices in their sessions, as is vsed in Northewales, or as shalbe deuysed by the saied president, counsaile and Justices, or thre of them, wherof the said president to be one, for the good ministracion of Justice to bee had in euery of the saied shyres.

¶ Item where the lordeshyp of Hope, with diuers other lordshyps, parisshes, townes and hamlettes, were by in acte of Parliament, made in the xxxiii. yere of the reigne of our saied soueraigne lorde, appoynted and translated from the saied countie of Denbygh, to the countie of Flynt, and by the same acte were made parte, parcell and members of the same countye of Flynt, afore whiche appoyntment or translacion, diuers indictamentes and presentmentes, as well felonye as other offences, were had and taken for the kynges hyghnesse, before the Justice of the saied countie of Denbigh, in the great sessions there, & some before the Justices of the peace, within the same countee, for offences supposed to be done within diuerse of the saied lordeshippes so translated, and also diuers iudgementes geuen at suite of partees before the said Justices: and some before the shyreffe of the sayde countie of Denbigh, for matters rysen and growen within the procincte of the saied lordeshyps, or other places, before the translacion of the same. It is nowe ordeyned and enacted, that all the saied indictmentes and presẽtmentes, shalbe hard, tried and determined within the saied countee of Denbygh, by persons, as well of the saied lordeshyp or place, where the saied offences were done, or committed, as of other place or places, within the saied countie of Denbygh, in maner & forme as though the saied translacions had neuer ben had ne made. And also that the said iudgementes as before geuen or had betwene partee and partee, before any Justice of recorde, or other officer, within the sayde countie of Denbyghe, for any mater or cause, appeeryng by the recorde of the same, to bee growen and rysen within any of the saied lordeshyps, paryshes, townes or hamlettes, so translated, shall and may be executed by the shyrefe of the saied countee of Denbygh within any of the same lordeshippes, or other place so translated, the saied translacion, or any other cause or matter to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

¶Item like lawe and ordre to be kepte and ministred vpon all other lyke translacions of any other lordshippes maners townes parishes and other places within Wales, had made or done in this present parliament, or any other afore or after the same translacions, or any other cause or matter to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶Item where there shall be diuers and many suites taken before the said Justices in plees personall, which (as it is thought) can not be tried before them, in the tyme of the said great sessions, for breuitee of tyme: Therfore, and for the spedye triall of these matters, thissues taken in the said suites, shall and maie be tried at a petie sessions, before the deputie iustices there as it is & hath ben vsed in the said thre shires of Northwales: Except suche of the said suites, as by the discrecions of the said Justices shalbe thought necessarie to be tried before them selues, within their limittes. And that there shall no sute be taken before any of the saied Justices by byll, vnder the summe of twentie shillynges.

¶Item if any murther or felonye here after be committed or done within Wales: that then the partie or partees, to whom any suche offence shal hap to be committed, shall in no wise take any ende or agrement with the offenders in that behalfe, nor with any other in his name or behalfe, oneles the said partee fyrst make the said president and counsaile, or one of the sayde Justices, priuey vnto the same, vpon payne of imprisonment, and greuous fyne to be sette and adiuged, at the discrecion of the saied president, counsaile & Justices, or two of them, wherof the saied president to be one: The same peyne and penaltee to extende, as well to and agaynst such, as shall labour moue, or procure, any such ende or agremēt made although the same labour, motion, or procurement neuer take effecte, to make any ende or agrement, as againste him or them, with whom suche ende or agrement shal be made, if the same happen to take effecte.

¶Item where diuers lordeshippes marches, as well in Wales, as in the borders of the same, nowe beynge by acte of parliament annexed to diuers shires of Englande, be lately comen to the kynges handes, by suppression of houses, by purchase or attemdours: and nowe be vnder the surueiour of the courte of Augmentacions, or of the kynges generall Surueiours, the libertees, fraunchises and customes of all whiche lordeships, be lately reuiued by act of parliament made in the .xxxii. yere of his most gracious reign: Neuertheles his maieslee willeth and commaundeth, that no other libertees, fraunchises or customes, shall from henseforth be vsed, claymed or exercised within the saied lordeships nor any other lordeships within Wales, or the cōtee of Mommoth, who so euer be lorde or owner of the same: but only suche libertees, fraunchises & customes, as be geuen & commaunded to the lordes of the same lordeships, by force & vertue of the said act of parliament, made for Wales: in the saied .xxvii. yere of his graces reygne, and not altered ne taken awaie by his ordinaunce: the saied acte made in the saied .xxxii. yere, or any other acte graunt lawe or custome to the contrary

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therof not withstandynge.

¶Item that if any person or persons, they? auncetters, or they whose estate the same persone, or persones haue, or hath in peaseable possession of any landes or tenementes in wales, by the space of fyue yeres, withoute let interruption or lefull clayme: That then the same person or persons shal still continue they? possession, vntill suche tyme as it bee lawfully recouered agaynst them, by the order of the kynges lawes, or by Decree of the p?esident and counsaile there.

¶Item in actions personalles, taken and pursued before the said Justices in wales by originall writte, or bill, if nyne of the Jurie be swo?ne, to trye the issue betwene the partie playntiffe and the defendant, & the residue of the sayde Jury make defaut, or be tried out: then the shirefes shall and maie immediatly returne other names in the said Jury, de circumstantibus vnto suche tyme there be twelue men swo?ne, to trie the issue betwene them as before the Justice of No?thewales hath bene afore vsed and accustomed in suche cases.

¶Item that if any goodes or cattalles be stolen by any person or persons and sold in any fay?e or market, within the saied dominion of wales, that no suche sale shall change the p?opertee therof from the owner of the same: but that he maie lefully ceale take and haue the same agayne, vppon p?ofe therof made, the saied sale not withstandyng.

¶Item that no person or persons bargaine or bye any maner of beaste, or other quicke cattell, in any place within wales, out of the market or fay?e onelesse he can b?yng fo?the sufficient and credible witnes, of the name of the person, what place, and tyme he bought the same: vppon payne and daunger of suche punyshement and fyne, as shall be set vppon hym, by the sayde p?esydent and counsayle, or any of the sayde Justices in his circuite, fo? the saied offence, and as he will therfo?e answere at his farther peryll.

¶Item if any goodes or cattalles bee stolen within the limittes of any of the sayde shires in wales: that than vpon suite therof had and made, the tracte shalbe followed from townesship to townesship, or lo?dshyp to lo?dshyp acco?dyng to the lawes & customes in that behalfe hertofo?e vsed in wales vpon suche penaltee and daunger, as hertofo?e hath ben accustomed.

¶Item that euery person that hath any landes, or tenementes in fee symple, or fee tayle, or fo? terme of lyfe, or fo? terme of any other mannes life beyng freeholde, shall and maie passe in all maner Juries and trials, aswel in case of felonie or murther, as in all actions reall, personall and mixte, what so euer they be, atteint onely except: And also mai be impanelled, and inquire of all concelementes, fo?cible entrees, and other causes of inquiris fo? the kynges maiestee, all be it he may not dispende fourtye shillynges by yere. Saunge to euery man his lawfull chalenge fo? any other cause, acco?dyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande.

¶Item that no iurrour shall passe in atteint, onelesse he may dispende fourtie shillynges by the yere of estate of freholde.

Item

¶Item the tenauntes and reſiantes in Wales, ſhall paye theyr taliage at the chaunge of theyr lordes, in ſuche places and after ſuch fourme, as hath ben hertofore accuſtomed in Wales.

¶Item that all the kynges ſubiectes and reſiauntes in Wales, ſhall kynde at all parliamentes hereafter to be holden in Englande, knyghtes for the ſhyres, and citezens & burgeſſes for cities and townes, to be named & choſen by auctorite of the kynges writ, vnder the great ſeale of Englande, accordyng to the acte in that caſe prouided: and ſhalbe charged and chargeable to all ſubſidies & other charges, to be graunted by the commons of any of the ſaid parliamentes, & paie all other their rentes, fermes, cuſtomes and duetees to the kynges hyghneſſe, as they haue ben accuſtomed heretofore, fines for redemptions of ſeſſions only excepted, which the kinges mateſtee of his moſt gracious goodneſſe and liberalitee, is contented, and pleſed to remitte, at the humble ſuite of his ſaied louyng ſubiectes of his ſayd dominion of Wales.

¶Item that the towne of Hauerforde weſt, ſhall after the ende of this preſent parliament for euer, kynde one burges, for the ſaied towne, at euery parliament after that tyme to be holden: And the charges of the ſame burges to be alwaies borne, by the mayre, burgeſſes & inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne and none other.

¶Item that the kynges mateſtee ſhall haue all felons goodes, & goodes of perſons outlawed, waif, ſtraies, & all other forfaytures & eſchetes what ſo euer they be, anſwered therof by the handes of the ſhyreffes, ſauyng alwaies the ryghtes and intereſtes of euery of his ſubiectes hauynge lawful title to haue the ſame.

¶Item that all errours & iudgementes, before any of the ſaied Juſtices at any tyme of the great ſeſſions, in pleas reales or mixte, ſhalbe redreſſed by writte of Errour, to bee ſued out of the kynges Chaunterye of Englande, returnable before the kynges Juſtice of his benche in Englande. as other writtes of errour be in England. And that all errours in pleas perſonall ſhall be reformed by billes, to be ſued before the ſaied preſidente and counſaile of Wales, from tyme to tyme, as the partee grieued wyll ſue for the ſame. And if in caſe the iudgement be affyrmed good, in any of the ſaied writtes of errour or billes, than there to make execucion, and all other proces therupon, as is vſed in the kynges benche in Englande. And that the purſuantes in euery ſuche writte of errour or bill, do paie like fees therfore as is vſed in Englande.

¶Item that no execucion of any iudgement geuen or to be geuen in any baſe court, be ſtaied or deferred by reaſon of any writte of falſe iudgement but that execucion ſhall and may be had and made at all tymes, before the reuerſall of the ſayde iudgement, the purſuite of the ſaied writ notwithſtanding. And in caſe the ſaied iudgement happen after to be reuerſed: then the partee purſuant to be reſtored to all that he hath loſt by the ſaid iudgemet. accordyng to the lawes of the realme.

Item

¶ Item that all proces for vrgent and weightie causes, shall be made and directed into wales, by the speciall commaundemente of the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or any of the kynges counsaile in Englande, as heretofore hath ben vsed: Any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Item that the towne of Bewdley, which is within the parishe of Ribbesforde, in the coũtie of Wigorũ, and all the grounde and soyle of the same towne, shall from hensforthe be vnited, annexed, and made parcell of the countie of Wigorũ, and to be within the hundred of Dodingtre. And that all the inhabitauntes of the saied towne and parishe, shall from hensforthe be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges, with the inhabitauntes of the saied hundred, as the same inhabitauntes be nowe bounde to do, by the lawes of this realme of Englande. Sauyng alwaies to the burgesse & inhabitauntes of the saied towne of Bewdley, all suche libertees and franchises, as they lawfully had and exercysed within the same towne, before the makyng of this acte, in lyke maner and fourme, as thoughe this acte had neuer ben had or made.

¶ Item that the lordshyppe of Manstiffan, Usterloys, and Langham, and the membres of the same, and all manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes in the same lordeshippe, and the membres of the same, be from henseforth vnited annexed ioyned named accepted and taken as part and parcell of the countie of Caermerthin, and reputed ioyned vnited named accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundrede of Derles in the saied countie of Caermerthin. And that the tenauntes & inhabitantes of the saied lordshyp and members, be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges, with the tenauntes and inhabytauntes of the saied hundrede of Derles, as the saied inhabitauntes now be bounde to do accordynge to the lawes there vsed.

¶ Item that the countie or shire courte of the countie of Radnor, shall from henseforthe be holden, one tyme at new Radnor, and one other tyme at Presten alternis vicibus, and neuer from henseforth to be kept or holden at Rather Gowy: Any former acte or other thyng to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

¶ Item it is further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the kynges moste royall maiestee, shall and maie at all tymes hereafter, from tyme to tyme, chaunge, adde, alter, ordre, minishe and refourme, all maner of thynges afore rehersed, as to his most excellent wisedome and discrecion shalbe thought conuenient: And also to make lawes and ordinauntes for the cõmon welth and good quiet of his saied dominion of wales, and his subiectes of the same, from tyme to tyme, at his maiestees pleasure: Any thyng conteined in this act, or in the saied acte made for the shire grounde of wales, or any other acte or actes, thyng or thynges, to the contrary therof hertofore made in any wise not withstandyng.

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And all suche alterations of the premisses, or any parte therof: And that all suche lawes and ordinances, to be hereafter made, deuised and published by auctoritee of this acte, by the kynges maiestee, in writynge vnder his highnes great seale, shall be of as good strength vertue & effecte, as if they had ben had and made by auctoritee of parliament.

¶ Item be it further enacted and ordeined, by auctoritee afore saied, that where the kynges maiestee that nowe is, by his letters patentes, bearynge date the. i. daye of May, in the xxviii. yere of his moste prosperous reigne demised and graunted to William webbe, the subsidie and vsage of all wollen clothes, made or to be made in the countee of Monmouth, and in the xii. shyres in wales, that is to saie, in the countes of Bycknok, Radnor, Mountgomery, Caermerthin, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Cardigan, Anglesey, Flint, Denbigh, Caernaruan, and Merionneth, and in all and singular townes and other places, what so euer they be, within the precincte and limittes of the saied countees, and els where within the dominion of wales: To haue and to holde to the saied William web, and his assignes for certaine yeres yet endurynge, that the sayde william webbe, his deputes and assignes, shall haue from hensforth full power and auctoritee by force of this acte, to take for the sealynge of euery wollen clothe, hereafter to be made in the saied. xii. shires, & els where, within the saied dominion of wales, as hereafter is declared, & none otherwyse, that is to saie, for euery halfe pece of fryse. i. d. euery halfe pece fryse. ob. euery pece cotton and linynge, beyng. xviii. yardes & vnder, a halfepeny. And for euery pece of the same, beynge aboue. xviii. yardes, one peny: of euery brode clothe, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beynge. xviii. yardes and aboue, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beyng vnder. xviii. yardes, a halfe peny.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, ne nothyng therin conteined, extende not to charge any maner of person or persons, beynge or that hereafter shal be inhabitaunt, in any of the sayde. xii. shires, or els where within the dominion of wales, for any clothes, frises, karseis, or linynges, made or hereafter to be made and occupied within their houses, and not put to sale to any person or persons, but to their seruauntes for their wearyng.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritee afore saied, that the sayd Aulnager in wales, by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputee or deputees shall in all thynges to his office appertaynynge, do and be bounde to do, and answere in euery case, like and accordyng as all and euery other Aulnager in the realme of Englande do, or ought to do, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of the realme of England. And for the contrary doyng or exercisynge of the saied office, shall in euery case and degre suffre, as by the saied lawes and statutes is ordeined, stablysshed or enacted for Aulnagers vnder the lord Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng.

¶ And furthermore the kynges maiestee is contented and pleased, notwithstandyng the statute made in the. xviii. yere of his moste gracious reygne: that where there shulde be but. xii. shires in wales, that the towne of Ha-

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aerforde west, shalbe a countie in it selfe, as it hath ben before this tyme v-
sed, at the will and pleasure of the kynges said mairstee: and that it shalbe
separated from the countie of Pembroke, at the kynges saied pleasure.
And that the kynges high Justice of the saied countie of Pembroke, shall
be hygh Justice of the saied countie and towne of Hauerford west, and shal
haue lyke power and auctoritee, to and for the ministracion of Justice, with
in the saied countie and towne of Hauerforde west, as is limitted and ap-
poynted to the saied Justice to and for the administracion of Justice in the
sayde countie of Pembroke. And that the Mayre, shyreffe, baylyffes, and
burgesses of the sayde countie and towne of Hauerford west, from tyme to
tyme, shalbe as well attendaunt, & obeye all preceptes & commaundemen-
tes of the presydent & counsayle of our sayde souereigne lorde the kynge in
his marches of Wales, as also shalbe attendaunt to all preceptes & proces
awarded or directed, by the saied hygh Justice, vnto the shireffe of the said
countie and towne of Hauerford west, and to make retourne therof. And
the said shireffe of the saied countie and towne, shall serue all preceptes
and proces, directed from the saied high Justice, in like maner & fourme, as
the shireffe of the saied countie of Pembroke is bound to do, and according
to the effect and purport of the kynges ordinaunces, in that behalfe hadde
made and prouyded. And that it shalbe lawfull vnto the sayd mayre, shiref
Bailiffes and burgesses of the saied countie and towne of Hauerforde west,
afore saied, to vse and exercise all lefull libertees and grauntes, by the kin-
ges maiestee, or his noble progenitours, to them graunted and confyrmed
at the kynges maiestees will and pleasure, accordynge to the lawes of the
realme of England, & not otherwise. And that the iudiciall seale of the saied
shires of Pēbroke, Caermerthin, & Cardigan, be in the custody & kepyng of
the kynges high Justice there for the tyme beynge, shalbe vsed in the sayde
countie and towne of Hauerford west, as the originall and iudiciall seale
the same towne and countie. And that the said Justice of the saied shyres of
Pembroke, Caermerthin, & Cardigan, shall haue like power and auctory-
tee, by vertue of the kynges letters to hym made, as well to do all and eue-
ry thyng and thynges, concernynge common iustice to be ministred within
the saied towne & countee of Hauerforde west, as he hath in his said letters
patentes, within any of the saied shyres, of Pembroke, Caermerthen, and
Cardigan.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this article, touchyng and concernyng the coun-
tee and towne of Hauerforde west, and all thynges therein conteined, shall
stande and endure, but onely at the kynges maiestees wyll and preasure, &
none otherwyse.

¶ PROVIDED alway that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned,
shall not be preiudicial nor hurtfull to any person or persons, or bodies po-
litike, for or concernyng any landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, bondmen
tolles, or other hereditamenets, but that they & euery of them, their heyres,
successours and assygnes, & the heires, successours and assygnes of euerye
of

of them, shall haue, holde, and enioye their landes tenementes, rentes, seruices, boundmen and other their hereditamentes, in suche like maner, forme and condicion, as they had the same before the makyng of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer been had ne made.

¶ PROVIDED also that this acte, nor any thynge therein conteyned, shalbe hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, for or concernynge any office or offices, whiche they or any of them haue by vertue of any the kynges letters patentes, beynge now in force before the makynge of this acte, nor to the fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be paid for the exercyse of any suche offices: but that euery person & persones, hauyng such offices and fees, and their substitutes and deputies, shall and maie haue and exercise their saied offices, as is limitted by this acte, and as they moughte haue done before the makynge of this acte. And shall also haue and perceiue all suche fees, for the exercyse of the saied offices, in as large and ample maner, forme and condicion, as they myght afore the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer been had ne made.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that all landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within the saied dominion of Wales, shall descende to the heyres, accordyng to the course of the common lawes of the realme of Englande, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of this acte, and not to bee vsed as Gauelkynde: any thyng conteyned in these prouisions or any of them to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, ne any clause, article, or thynge therin conteyned, be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to George Blunte esquyer, sonne and heyre of Sr. John Blunte knight deceased, for or concernynge the offices of stewardshyps of the kynges lordships or manours of Bewdley and Cleburye, or any other offyce or offices heretofore graunted vnto the saied George Blunt, by the kynges letters patentes, sealed vnder the great seale of Englande, for terme of lyfe of the same George or for or concernyng any fees, wages, rewardes, annuities, profittes, commodities aduauntages or emolumentes, appertayning or belongyng vnto the saied offices or any of them: but that the saied George, his deputie and deputies, shall and maie at all tyme and tymes, durynge the lyfe of the same George, haue, hold, exercise, and enioy the same offices and euery of them, and also percepue, leute, and take the fees, wages, rewardes, and all other profyttes and commodities, to the same offices and euery of them, or to any of them belongyng: or in any wise appertainyng, in as large and ample maner forme, and condicion, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as thoughe this acte had neuer been had or made: any thyng before in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies that all liberties, franchises and priuileges of the Duchy of Lancaster, or in any wyse appertainyng to the same, shalbe of the same force plyght qualitee, goodnes and condicion, and maie bee vsed in as large and ample maner, as they were before the makynge of this acte,

and

and as if this acte had never ben had or made: any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

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